

IV. Contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate

(Agenda item 4)

23. In accordance with its work programme and the conclusions adopted at its resumed sixth session, the AWG-KP considered the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate.

24. The AWG-KP recalled that its work should be guided by a shared vision of the challenge set by the ultimate objective of the Convention based on the principles and other relevant provisions of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. It reaffirmed that the completion of its work programme will be advanced primarily through the work of Parties, and that it will coordinate its work with, and draw upon relevant results achieved and work under way in, other bodies and processes under the Convention, especially its Kyoto Protocol, with a view to avoiding duplication. The AWG-KP recalled that it would maintain a coherent approach between the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol in relation to the commitments of Annex I Parties.

25. The AWG-KP took note of the information, including scientific information, and views submitted by Parties on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate, the contribution of Annex I Parties individually or jointly, consistent with Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol, to this scale, and other relevant issues.⁷ It also took note of further views on this scale, as provided by Parties in discussions under agenda items 3 and 4, as well as under item 5 (g).

26. On 27 March 2009, the AWG-KP held a workshop on issues relating to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties. Mr. Harald Dovland, the Chair of the AWG-KP, chaired the workshop. The AWG-KP took note of the views and information presented at the workshop and the report by the Chair.⁸

27. The AWG-KP took note of the exchange of information on mitigation potential and comparability of efforts among Annex I Parties through voluntary submissions and workshops hosted by Parties. It encouraged Parties to continue to exchange information on these matters in similar forms.

28. The AWG-KP initiated its consideration of the contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, consistent with Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol, to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate.

29. The AWG-KP took note with appreciation of the information on possible quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives (QELROs) as provided by some Annex I Parties. It reiterated its invitation to Annex I Parties in a position to do so to submit further information on possible QELROs before the eighth session of the AWG-KP with a view to completing its work by the fifth session of the CMP.

⁷ FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/MISC.1 and Add.1 and 2, FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/CRP.3 and FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/MISC.7.

⁸ See annex I.

30. The AWG-KP recalled its conclusions in paragraphs 16 and 17 of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, and paragraphs 18 and 19 of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/8.

31. The AWG-KP took note of information provided by some Parties during its seventh session⁹ on recent scientific analysis on stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at levels below the ones assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its Fourth Assessment Report, hence a greater urgency to address climate change.

32. The AWG-KP agreed to continue its deliberations on the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as a key focus of its eighth session.

⁹ As footnote 7 above.