

VIII. Work programme for 2009

(Agenda item 8)

45. The AWG-KP recalled that, at its resumed fourth session, it agreed that one of its tasks for 2009 will be to forward to the CMP for consideration at its fifth session the results of the work of the AWG-KP on the consideration of commitments for subsequent periods for Annex I Parties under Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to their adoption.²⁰

46. The AWG-KP confirmed that four sessional periods are currently envisaged for 2009:

- (a) Seventh session: 29 March to 8 April in Bonn, Germany;
- (b) Eighth session: 1–12 June, in conjunction with the thirtieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in Bonn;
- (c) Ninth session: August/September at a venue to be determined;²¹
- (d) Tenth session: 7–18 December, in conjunction with the fifth session of the CMP in Copenhagen, Denmark.²²

47. The AWG-KP decided that, if required, it will hold an additional session in 2009 in line with its work programme. It requested the secretariat to schedule all meetings and activities under the AWG-KP, to the greatest extent possible, in conjunction with meetings and activities of other relevant processes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, with a view to ensuring the efficient use of resources.²³

48. The AWG-KP 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 agreed to maintain a coherent approach between the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol in relation to the commitments of Annex I Parties.

49. The AWG-KP concluded, noting the iterative nature of its work programme, that in 2009 it will focus on agreeing on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. In this context, it recognized the need for work to be conducted on the following issues:

- (a) Consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate;

²⁰ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 22 (c).

²¹ FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 136.

²² The Dates included in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/L.19 have been superseded by the dates in decision 9/CP.14.

²³ In the event that this additional session is held, the sessions may need to be renumbered accordingly.

- (b) 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;
- (c) Other issues arising from the implementation of the work programme, with due attention to improving the environmental integrity of the Kyoto Protocol, including:
 - (i) The duration of the commitment period(s);
 - (ii) How quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives could be expressed, which includes how the base year is expressed;
 - (iii) Mitigation potential of Annex I Parties, including factors and indicators underpinning it;
 - (iv) Improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms;
 - (v) The definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for the treatment of LULUCF in the second commitment period;
 - (vi) The coverage of GHGs, sectors and source categories;
 - (vii) Common metrics to calculate the CO₂ equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks (hereinafter referred to as common metrics);
 - (viii) Legal matters arising from its mandate pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (ix) Consideration of information on potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects, of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties (hereinafter referred to as potential consequences);
 - (x) Possible approaches targeting sectoral emissions;
 - (xi) How approaches to limit or reduce emissions of GHGs not controlled by the Montreal Protocol from aviation and marine bunker fuels could be used by Annex I Parties as a means to reach their emission reduction targets, taking into account Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (xii) Analysis of efforts and achievements to date, including during the first commitment period.

50. Regarding the issues identified in paragraph 49 (a) and (b) above, and relevant elements of paragraph 49 (c) above, the AWG-KP:

- (a) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2009, their views on these matters, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the AWG-KP at its seventh session;
- (b) Requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the AWG-KP, a workshop on these matters before or during the seventh session of the AWG-KP and to invite Parties and international organizations to present the results of relevant technical analyses at this workshop;
- (c) Encouraged Parties to exchange relevant information on elements of the work of the AWG-KP in 2009, including through voluntary submissions to the secretariat and the use of workshops hosted by Parties.

51. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 49 (c) (iv) above, the AWG-KP:

- (a) Agreed to continue, including through in-depth consultations at its seventh session, its deliberations on the possible improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms identified in annexes I and II to the report on the first part of its sixth session,²⁴ with the focus on those in annex I and avoiding duplication of work in its consideration of those in annex II;
- (b) Requested its Chair, in order to facilitate the consultations referred to in paragraph 51 (a) above, to further elaborate the possible improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms on the basis of document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/INF.3 and the submissions referred to in paragraph 51 (c) below, and make the results of this work available to Parties prior to its seventh session;
- (c) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 6 February 2009, further input on how the possible improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms, as contained in annexes I and II to document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5 and annexes I and II to document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/INF.3, would function. The AWG-KP requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the AWG-KP at its seventh session.

52. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 49 (c) (v) above, the AWG-KP:

- (a) Agreed to continue, including through in-depth consultations at its seventh session, its deliberations on how to address, where applicable, the definitions, modalities, rules and guidelines for the treatment of LULUCF;

²⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5.

- (b) Invited Parties to submit, by 15 February 2009, their views and proposals for further elaboration of the options, elements and issues contained in annex III to the report of the AWG-KP at its sixth session²⁵ and annex IV to the report of the AWG-KP at its resumed fifth session,²⁶ including views on how and which proposals could address cross-cutting issues, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document;
- (c) In order to facilitate the consultations referred in paragraph 52 (a) above, requested its Chair to elaborate, taking into account decision 16/CMP.1, the options, elements and issues contained in annex III to the report of the AWG-KP at its sixth session, annex IV to the report of the AWG-KP at its resumed fifth session, the information submitted on a voluntary and informal basis to the secretariat,²⁷ and any further information submitted by Parties in accordance with paragraph 52(b) above, for consideration by the AWG-KP at its seventh session.

53. The AWG-KP agreed to further consider the issues identified in paragraphs 49 (c) (vi) and (vii) above at its seventh session. This will include consideration of technical information on the gases listed in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5, paragraph 34, taking into account the aspects referred to in paragraph 35 of that document.

54. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 49 (c) (viii) above, the AWG-KP recalled its request for views from Parties by 15 February 2009 on the legal implications arising from the work of the AWG-KP pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol²⁸ for consideration at its seventh session.

55. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 49 (c) (ix) above, the AWG-KP:

- (a) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2009, their views on potential consequences;
- (b) Requested the secretariat to organize, at the seventh session of the AWG-KP and under the guidance of its Chair, an in-session workshop on potential consequences.

56. The AWG-KP invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2009, their views on all other issues identified in paragraph 49 (c) above, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

57. The AWG-KP requested its Chair to prepare a note on possible elements for amendments, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 9, of the Kyoto Protocol, for consideration at its seventh session, with a view to ensuring that the text for any proposed amendments is communicated by the secretariat to Parties no later than six months prior to the proposed adoption of the amendments, with a view to the adoption of these amendments by the CMP at its fifth session.

²⁵ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5.

²⁶ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/3.

²⁷ Such information is posted at <http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/3878.php>.

²⁸ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 23 (a).

58. The AWG-KP requested its Chair to prepare a note on possible elements of a text relating to issues outlined in paragraph 49 above, taking into account the notes prepared pursuant to paragraphs 51 and 52 above for consideration at its seventh session, with a view to developing a text on these issues by June 2009 for adoption by the CMP at its fifth session.

59. The AWG-KP agreed that consideration of the texts developed pursuant to paragraphs 57 and 58 above should be undertaken in line with the iterative nature of its work programme.

60. The AWG-KP, noting the iterative nature of its work programme and taking into account paragraphs 57, 58 and 59 above, will also seek:

- (a) At its seventh session: to adopt conclusions on the matter referred to in paragraph 49 (a) above and reach conclusion on a draft amendment text taking into consideration the documents referred to in paragraph 58 above;
- (b) At its eighth session: to adopt conclusions on the matter referred to in paragraph 49 (b) above and consider issues relating to means, potential consequences and common metrics, as well as any draft decisions or draft amendments;
- (c) At its ninth session: to consider issues relating to rules and modalities of possible improvements relating to items 3, 4 and 5 of its agenda for the sixth session, as well as any draft decisions or draft amendments;
- (d) At its tenth session: to consider issues relating to rules and modalities of possible improvements relating to items 3, 4 and 5 of its agenda for the sixth session, as well as further consideration of a draft text on agenda item 7 and any draft decisions or draft amendments.