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**Request from the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further  
Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP)**



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Dear Dr. Pachauri,

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As the IPCC begins its historic 29<sup>th</sup> session I wanted to transmit to you officially a request from the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP). The AWG-KP met last week in Accra, Ghana, and adopted conclusions relating to methodological issues under item 4 of its agenda.

I attach a copy of the conclusions (FCCC/AWG/2008/L.14), which make several references to the important work of the IPCC. I would, however, highlight the invitation to the IPCC contained in paragraph 6 to undertake further technical assessment of alternative common metrics that could be used to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases. The invitation arises from discussions about the use of global warming potentials (GWPs) and alternatives thereto, such as global temperature potentials (GTPs) (see paragraphs 4 and 5 of the conclusions).

I hope that the IPCC will be in a position to give attention to this request as the matter is under active consideration in the AWG-KP and Parties would be appreciate the Panel's technical input.

Wishing you all the best with the 29<sup>th</sup> session and on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPCC.

Yours sincerely,

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**Accra, 21–27 August 2008, and Poznan, 1–10 December 2008**

**Agenda item 4**

**Consideration of relevant methodological issues**

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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. In accordance with its conclusions at its resumed fifth session,<sup>1</sup> the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) continued its work on the consideration of relevant methodological issues.
2. The AWG-KP noted the need to maintain a coherent approach between the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, where appropriate, when considering relevant methodological issues in relation to the commitments of Annex I Parties.
3. The AWG-KP acknowledged that the application of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* for the purpose of providing information on anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by sources and removals by sinks for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol should be subject to any decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that result from the consideration of these guidelines by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its thirtieth session (June 2009).
4. The AWG-KP took note of the new information on global warming potentials (GWPs) in the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which are used to calculate the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of the GHGs listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol. It also took note of the findings of the AR4 relating to the shortcomings of GWPs.
5. The AWG-KP acknowledged that there are common metrics other than GWPs that could be used to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHGs listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol. These include global temperature potentials (GTPs), which were mentioned in the AR4. The AWG-KP also acknowledged that the AR4 does not include GTP values and that, currently, GTP values are not published for all GHGs included in the AR4.

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/3, paragraph 37.

6. The AWG-KP invited the IPCC to undertake further technical assessment of alternative common metrics. It noted the need for work to be carried out by the SBSTA, drawing on the results of the work of the IPCC on the potential implications of applying alternative common metrics.

7. The AWG-KP agreed to further consider, at its resumed sixth session (December 2008), GWPs and alternative common metrics, as well as the implications of their application in the second commitment period.

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