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Dear Ms. Christ,

With this letter I would like to inform you about some of the outcomes of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) and latest sessions of the subsidiary bodies, that took place in Poznan, Poland, from 1 to 12 December 2008. I also wish to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to the IPCC for its active participation and important contributions made to the UNFCCC process at various events and plenary meetings during that session, including at the opening of the COP and workshops held under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long term cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA).

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to the following conclusions adopted by Parties during the UNFCCC sessions held in Poznan.

SBSTA: Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC

The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to representatives and experts from the IPCC for their participation in the workshop on the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the IPCC held during the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA and which provided the opportunity for a direct exchange of information and views among Parties on the findings of the AR4. It further emphasized that it is important for Parties to be kept informed about findings from the AR4 that relate to their current work under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including under the AWG-LCA and the AWG-KP.



The SBSTA also took note of a statement by the IPCC on the AR4 and on the plans of the IPCC for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), which contained an invitation to Parties to inform the IPCC about scientific and technical questions and information that they wish to be considered in the AR5 process in order to support deliberations under the UNFCCC process. In this regard the SBSTA noted that Parties may provide this information through their IPCC focal points for introduction into the AR5 process as appropriate.

Consideration of the agenda item on the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC was concluded at this session.

AWG-KP: Means, methodological issues, mitigation potential ranges of emission reduction objectives, and consideration of further commitments

Under the AWG-KP, Parties agreed that further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol should, for the next commitment period, principally take the form of quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives. Parties initiated consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as a contribution of these Parties to the overall efforts to meet the overall objective of the Convention and noted that further consideration of this issue should be informed by recent scientific information, including the AR4. The AWG-KP will focus on agreeing on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol in 2009.

In this context, I would like to take the opportunity to also express our appreciation for the active participation and informative presentation made by the IPCC during the workshop on mitigation potentials.

Common metrics to calculate the CO₂ equivalence of greenhouse gases

With regard to the consideration of alternative common metrics to calculate the CO₂ equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks that was initiated at the sixth session of the AWG-KP held in Accra in August 2008, Parties recognized the need for work to be conducted on this issue in the course of the year 2009 in the context of the AWG-KP's work on further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. The AWG-KP agreed to further consider this issue at the seventh session of the AWG-KP, to take place from 29 March to 8 April 2009 in Bonn, Germany.

In addition, in the context of the SBSTA, a number of Parties requested that a new agenda item on common metrics be placed on the agenda of the thirtieth session of the SBSTA (1 to 12 June 2008, Bonn), given the conclusions of the AWG-KP at its sixth session held in Accra which had 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 (see FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5, para. 45).



The full text of the conclusions adopted by the SBSTA and the AWG-KP are attached to this letter (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/L.17; FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/L.18, see in particular paragraphs 6 to 8; and FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/L.19, see in particular paragraphs 5(c)(vii) and 9).

I am looking forward to continued fruitful cooperation with the IPCC on our way towards Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

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Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

**Fourth Assessment Report of the
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the report on the workshop on the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), held during the twenty-eighth session of the SBSTA under the guidance of its Chair.¹ It expressed its appreciation to representatives and experts from the IPCC for their participation in the workshop, which provided the opportunity for a direct exchange of information and views among Parties on the findings of the AR4 in relation to the science of climate change, mitigation and adaptation, and other relevant information. The SBSTA also took note of the views from Parties on the AR4.²
2. Recalling decision 5/CP.13 and the conclusions from its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,³ the SBSTA emphasized that it is important for Parties to be kept informed about findings from the AR4 that relate to their current work under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, including under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.
3. The SBSTA took note of a statement by a representative of the IPCC on the AR4 and on the plans of the IPCC for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), which contained an invitation to Parties to inform the IPCC about scientific and technical questions and information that they wish to be considered in the AR5 process in order to support deliberations under the UNFCCC process. The SBSTA noted that Parties may provide this information through their IPCC focal points for introduction into the AR5 process as appropriate.
4. The SBSTA agreed that this concludes its consideration of this agenda item.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/8. The presentations and further information on the workshop are available at <http://unfccc.int/meetings/sb28/items/4417.php>.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.2.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 49 and FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 140.



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Research and systematic observation

Research and systematic observation

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the oral statements delivered by the Director of the secretariat of the Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS) and by a representative of Thailand¹ speaking on behalf of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS). The SBSTA also noted with appreciation a statement delivered by the Chair of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Steering Committee.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the report prepared by the GTOS secretariat on progress made in assessing the status of the development of standards for each of the essential climate variables in the terrestrial domain, which includes information on the framework for the preparation of guidance materials, standards and reporting guidelines for terrestrial observing systems for climate.² The SBSTA also welcomed the updated report submitted by CEOS on progress made by space agencies involved in global observations in implementing actions in response to the GCOS implementation plan.³
3. The SBSTA agreed to defer consideration of these reports to its thirtieth session, when it will also consider the comprehensive report on progress with the GCOS implementation plan that the GCOS secretariat is expected to provide to the SBSTA at that session. The SBSTA recalled its invitation to Parties to provide additional information on their national activities with respect to implementing the GCOS implementation plan.⁴ It noted that 21 Parties have provided such information⁵ and encouraged those that have not yet done so to submit this information by 30 January 2009.

¹ A representative of the United States of America delivered the statement on behalf of a representative of Thailand, the incoming Chair of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.12.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.11.

⁴ See FCCC/SBSTA/2005/10, paragraphs 94 and 95, and FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 36.

⁵ Information received by Parties has been posted on the UNFCCC website at
<http://unfccc.int/methods_and_science/research_and_systematic_observation/items/4499.php>.



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Agenda items 3, 4, 6 and 7

Analysis of means to reach emission reduction targets and identification of ways to enhance their effectiveness and contribution to sustainable development

Consideration of relevant methodological issues

Analysis of mitigation potentials and identification of ranges of emission reduction objectives of Annex I Parties

Consideration of further commitments by Annex I Parties

**Means, methodological issues, mitigation potential and ranges of emission
reduction objectives, and consideration of further commitments**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. In accordance with its work programme and the conclusions adopted at the first part of its sixth session, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) continued its work on the analysis of the means that may be available to Annex I Parties to reach their emission reduction targets. It reverted to the tasks set out in paragraph 17 (a) (i)¹ and (ii)² of its work programme.³
2. The AWG-KP noted with appreciation: the information and views provided by some Parties in the submissions compiled in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/MISC.4 and Add.1; the information contained in document FCCC/TP/2008/10; and the technical information⁴ compiled by the secretariat on the gases listed in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5, paragraph 34, and on existing stocks and potential emissions of chlorofluorocarbons and hydrochlorofluorocarbons. It requested the secretariat to update the information on these gases, as appropriate.

¹ Analysis of the mitigation potential, effectiveness, efficiency, costs and benefits of current and future policies, measures and technologies at the disposal of Annex I Parties, appropriate in different national circumstances, taking into account their environmental, economic and social consequences, their sectoral dimensions, and the international context in which they are deployed.

² Identification of possible ranges of emission reductions by Annex I Parties, through their domestic and international efforts, and analysis of their contribution to the ultimate objective of the Convention, ensuring due attention to the issues mentioned in the second sentence of Article 2 of the Convention.

³ FCCC/KP/AWG/2006/4.

⁴ Information available at: <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/items/4624.php>.

3. The AWG-KP held an in-session workshop on 3 December 2008 on mitigation potentials and ranges of emission reduction objectives of Annex I Parties. The Vice-Chair of the AWG-KP chaired the workshop and provided a summary of discussions at its closing. The AWG-KP took note of the views and information presented at the workshop and the summary report by the Chair.⁵
4. The AWG-KP also took note of the elaboration by the Chair⁶ of the possible improvements to emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms contained in document FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5, annexes I and II.
5. The AWG-KP agreed that further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol should, for the next commitment period, principally take the form of quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives (QELROs).
6. 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 its Kyoto Protocol. It noted the usefulness of the ranges referred to in the contribution of Working Group III to the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and that this report indicates that global emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) need to peak in the next 10–15 years⁷ and be reduced to very low levels, well below half of levels in 2000 by the middle of the twenty-first century in order to stabilize their concentrations in the atmosphere at the lowest levels assessed by the IPCC to date in its scenarios. Hence the urgency to address climate change. At the first part of its fourth session, the AWG-KP recognized that the contribution of Working Group III to the AR4 indicates that achieving the lowest levels assessed by the IPCC to date and its corresponding potential damage limitation would require Annex I Parties as a group to reduce emissions in a range of 25–40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, through means that may be available to these Parties to reach their emission reduction targets. The IPCC ranges do not take into account lifestyle changes which have the potential of increasing the reduction range. The ranges would be significantly higher for Annex I Parties if they were the result of analysis assuming that emission reductions were to be undertaken exclusively by Annex I Parties. The AWG-KP also recognized that achievement of these reduction objectives by Annex I Parties would make an important contribution to overall global efforts required to meet the ultimate objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2.
7. The AWG-KP noted the concerns raised by small island developing States and some developing country Parties with regard to the lack of analysis of stabilization scenarios below 450 ppmv of carbon dioxide equivalent. In line with the iterative approach to the work programme, the information referred to in paragraph 6 above will be reviewed in the light of information⁸ received by the AWG-KP, including from possible further scientific work on stabilization scenarios.
8. The AWG-KP initiated consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate as a contribution of these Parties to the overall efforts to meet the ultimate objective of the Convention. It noted that further consideration of this issue should be informed by recent scientific information, including the AR4.
9. The AWG-KP noted that the contributions 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 should be informed by consideration of, inter alia, the analysis of the mitigation potential, effectiveness, efficiency, costs and benefits of current and future policies, measures and

⁵ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/CRP.2.

⁶ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/INF.3.

⁷ This time period relates to 2007, the year of publication of the AR4.

⁸ Contribution of Working Group III to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Technical Summary, pages 39 and 90.

technologies at the disposal of Annex I Parties, appropriate in different national circumstances. The AWG-KP recognized that consideration of this contribution should be made in a transparent and coherent manner and may lead to a spread of values for QELROs among individual Annex I Parties.

10. The AWG-KP noted that emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms, as well as measures to limit or reduce GHG emissions and to enhance removals from land use, land-use change and forestry activities, should continue to be available to Annex I Parties as means to reach their emission reduction objectives. It noted that it is necessary to understand the contribution of these means to efforts of Annex I Parties in reaching their emission reduction objectives to inform further commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. The AWG-KP recalled that the use of emissions trading and the project-based mechanisms should be supplemental to the implementation of domestic actions at the disposal of Annex I Parties.

11. The AWG-KP took note with appreciation of the pledges for emission reduction targets made by some Parties in the submissions referred to in paragraph 2 above. It invited other Annex I Parties, in a position to do so, to submit information on their possible QELROs before the seventh session of the AWG-KP with a view to completing its work by the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.



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Agenda item 8

Work programme for 2009

Work programme for 2009

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) recalled that, at its resumed fourth session, it agreed that one of its tasks for 2009 will be to forward to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (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.¹
2. 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;²
 - (d) Tenth session: 30 November to 11 December, in conjunction with the fifth session of the CMP in Copenhagen, Denmark.
3. 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.³

¹ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 22 (c).

² FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 136.

³ In the event that this additional session is held, the sessions may need to be renumbered accordingly.

4. 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.

5. 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;
- (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 land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) in the second commitment period;
 - (vi) The coverage of greenhouse gases (GHGs), sectors and source categories;
 - (vii) Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide 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.
6. Regarding the issues identified in paragraph 5 (a) and (b) above, and relevant elements of paragraph 5 (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.
7. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 5 (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,⁴ 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 7 (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 7 (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.
8. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 5 (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;
 - (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 session⁵ and annex IV to the report of the AWG-KP at its resumed

⁴ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5.

⁵ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/5.

fifth session,⁶ 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 8 (a) above, requested its Chair to elaborate, taking into account decision 16/CMP.1, the options, elements and issues contained in annex III of 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,⁷ and any further information submitted by Parties in accordance with paragraph 7 (b) above, for consideration by the AWG-KP at its seventh session.

9. The AWG-KP agreed to further consider the issues identified in paragraphs 5 (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.

10. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 5 (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 Protocol⁸ for consideration at the seventh session.

11. Regarding the issue identified in paragraph 5 (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 its seventh session and under the guidance of its Chair, an in-session workshop on potential consequences.

12. The AWG-KP invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2009, their views on all other issues identified in paragraph 5 (c) above, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

13. 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.

14. The AWG-KP requested its Chair to prepare a note on possible elements of a text relating to issues outlined in paragraph 5 above, taking into account the notes prepared pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 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.

15. The AWG-KP agreed that consideration of the texts developed pursuant to paragraphs 13 and 14 above should be undertaken in line with the iterative nature of its work programme.

⁶ FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/3.

⁷ Such information is posted at <http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/3878.php>.

⁸ FCCC/KP/AWG/2007/5, paragraph 23 (a).

16. The AWG-KP, noting the iterative nature of its work programme and taking into account paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 above, will also seek:

- (a) At its seventh session: to adopt conclusions on the matter referred to in paragraph 5 (a) above and reach conclusion on a draft amendment text taking into consideration the documents referred to in paragraph 14 above;
- (b) At its eighth session: to adopt conclusions on the matter referred to in paragraph 5 (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.
