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**Conference of the Parties**  
**Eighteenth session**  
**Doha, 26 November to 7 December 2012**

Item 2(c) of the provisional agenda  
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**Adoption of the agenda**

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

**Note by the Executive Secretary**

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14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
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  - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.
15. Article 6 of the Convention.
16. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
17. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:

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<sup>1</sup> This item was held in abeyance at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied it will be considered at COP 18. Detailed annotations can be found in paragraphs 61–63 below.

- (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011;
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  19. Statements by observer organizations.
  20. Other matters.
  21. Conclusion of the session:
    - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session;
    - (b) Closure of the session.

## II. Proposed organization of the sessions: overview<sup>2</sup>

1. A welcoming ceremony will be held on the morning of Monday, 26 November 2012 to mark the opening of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Doha, Qatar.
2. The President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session will open COP 18. The COP will take up item 1 of the provisional agenda, as well as some procedural matters under item 2, including the election of the President of COP 18, the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. Statements are not envisaged, except those on behalf of groups. The COP will refer items of its agenda to the subsidiary bodies as appropriate. The opening meeting will then be adjourned.
3. The eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) will then be opened. The CMP will take up item 1 of its provisional agenda, as well as some procedural matters under item 2, including the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. Statements are not envisaged, except those on behalf of groups. The CMP will refer items of its agenda to the subsidiary bodies as appropriate. The opening meeting will then be adjourned.
4. The following sessions of the subsidiary bodies have been scheduled in conjunction with COP 18 and CMP 8:
  - (a) Thirty-seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA);
  - (b) Thirty-seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI);
  - (c) Seventeenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, second part;
  - (d) Fifteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), second part;
  - (e) First session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), second part.
5. Given that seven bodies will be meeting during the sessional period, meeting time will be very limited, especially for contact groups. To maximize the time available for

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<sup>2</sup> As COP 18 and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) will be held during the same sessional period, this overview addresses both meetings. For ease of reference for Parties and observers, the text of this overview is also contained in the annotations to the provisional agenda for CMP 8 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2012/1). Further details may be made available on the UNFCCC website.

negotiations and to ensure a timely closing of the conference, the presiding officers, in consultation with the Parties, may propose time-saving measures and approaches to expedite work. Such proposals will be based on these consultations, and on relevant submissions and statements made during plenary meetings, and will take into account any previous negotiations and/or conclusions.

6. Further information regarding the arrangements for COP 18 and CMP 8 may be provided, as required, in an addendum to this document after consultation with the Bureau.

7. The COP and the CMP will convene in plenary meetings during the first week to take up the items on their agendas that are not to be referred to the SBSTA and/or the SBI.

8. The inauguration of the high-level segment will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 December. Statements on behalf of groups are also envisaged at this time. Ministers and other heads of delegation will be invited to deliver national statements to joint meetings of the COP and the CMP on Wednesday, 5 December, and Thursday, 6 December. The high-level segment will continue until Friday, 7 December. Based on experience at previous sessions, a joint COP and CMP meeting is envisaged for statements from observer organizations. Separate meetings of the COP and the CMP will be held on 7 December to adopt decisions and conclusions emerging from the current sessions.

9. As a result of the limited time available for all seven bodies to meet during the two-week period, groups are invited to adjust their meeting times to enable discussions under all seven bodies to begin punctually. Parties will be invited to maximize the use of negotiation time and conclude issues early in order to facilitate a timely close of the conference.

10. In keeping with the conclusions adopted by the SBI at its thirty-second session,<sup>3</sup> all meetings are scheduled to end at 6 p.m., particularly to give Parties and regional groups sufficient time to prepare for daily meetings, but may, in exceptional circumstances, and on a case by case basis, continue for two to three hours.

11. At the same session, the SBI also recommended<sup>4</sup> that the secretariat, in organizing future sessional periods, follow the practice of holding no more than two meetings of plenary and/or contact groups concurrently, with the total number of meetings held concurrently, including informals, not exceeding six, to the extent possible. It further recommended that the secretariat continue to take into consideration, when scheduling meetings, the constraints of delegations and avoid clashes on similar issues to the extent possible.

### **III. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the session**

12. COP 18 will be opened by the President of COP 17, Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa.

#### **2. Organizational matters**

##### **(a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session**

13. *Background:* The President of COP 17 will call for the election of Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar, as the President of COP 18. Mr. Al-

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraph 165.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraph 164.

Attiyah was nominated by the Asia-Pacific States, in accordance with the rotation of the Presidency among regional groups. He will also serve as President of CMP 8.

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

14. *Background:* At COP 17, Parties decided to continue to apply the draft rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2, with the exception of rule 42, and agreed that the President would continue consultations during the intersessional period and would report back to the COP at its eighteenth session in the event of any new developments.<sup>5</sup>

15. *Action:* The COP may wish to decide to continue applying the draft rules of procedure and invite the President of COP 18 to undertake consultations to try to achieve adoption of the rules.

<i>FCCC/CP/1996/2</i>	<i>Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat</i>
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(c) Adoption of the agenda

16. *Background:* The secretariat, in agreement with the President of COP 17, has drafted the provisional agenda for COP 18, taking into account views expressed by the Parties during SBI 36 and after consultation with the Bureau.

17. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt its agenda.

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/1</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary</i>
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(d) Election of officers other than the President

18. *Background:* At the request of the President of COP 17, consultations on nominations to the Bureau of COP 18 and CMP 8 were initiated at SBI 36 with regional group coordinators. If necessary, further consultations will be held during the session. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention.

19. *Action:* The COP will be invited to elect the members of the Bureau of COP 18 and CMP 8 at the earliest opportunity following completion of consultations.

(e) Admission of organizations as observers

20. *Background:* The COP will have before it document FCCC/CP/2012/2 containing the list of organizations seeking admission as observers, following review and consideration by the Bureau.<sup>6</sup>

21. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the list and admit the organizations as observers.

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/2</i>	<i>Admission of observers: organizations applying for admission as observers. Note by the secretariat</i>
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<sup>5</sup> FCCC/CP/2011/9, paragraph 11.

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with decision 36/CMP.1, a single process will be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP and the CMP, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP.

(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

22. *Action:* The COP will be invited to agree upon the organization of the work of the session, including the proposed schedule of meetings (see paras. 1–11 above).

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/1</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary</i>
<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/16</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3</i>	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first part of its fifteenth session, held in Bonn from 15 to 24 May 2012<sup>7</sup></i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/2</i>	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session, held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012<sup>8</sup></i>

(g) Dates and venues of future sessions

23. *Background:* At COP 18, a decision will be required on the venue of COP 19, which will be held in conjunction with CMP 9 from 11 to 22 November 2013. The SBI, at its thirty-sixth session, noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 19 and CMP 9 would come from the Eastern European States. The SBI also noted the ongoing consultations with regard to hosting COP 19 and CMP 9 and urged Parties to come to a conclusion on this issue so that a decision could be taken at COP 18.<sup>9</sup>

24. The SBI, at the same session, invited Parties to come forward with offers to host future sessions of the COP and the CMP.<sup>10</sup> Regarding other future sessional periods, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 20 and CMP 10 will come from the Latin America and Caribbean States.

25. *Action:* The COP, at its eighteenth session, must decide on the host country for COP 19 and CMP 9. The COP may also wish to invite interested Parties to present offers to host COP 20 and CMP 10 and to take action it deems appropriate.

(h) Adoption of the report on credentials

26. *Background:* According to rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the credentials of representatives of Parties as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. The Bureau will examine the credentials and submit its report on credentials for adoption by the COP (see rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure). Representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the

<sup>7</sup> See FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3, paragraph 9, for the agenda of the AWG-LCA at its fifteenth session.

<sup>8</sup> See FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 13, for the agenda of the ADP at its first session.

<sup>9</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 236.

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/SBI/2010/10, paragraph 160.

session, pending a decision by the COP to accept their credentials (see rule 21 of the draft rules of procedure). Only Parties with valid credentials would be able to participate in the adoption of a protocol or another legal instrument. The COP will have before it for adoption the report on credentials to be submitted by the Bureau.

27. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt the report on credentials of the representatives of Parties attending COP 18. Representatives may participate provisionally, pending this action.

### 3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies

#### (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

28. *Background:* The report by the Chair of the SBSTA on the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA will include any recommendations of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session arising from the work conducted by the SBSTA based on the agendas adopted at the thirty-sixth (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2) and thirty-seventh sessions of the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3).

29. The report by the Chair of the SBSTA will address matters, inter alia, related to issues that have been mandated for consideration at COP 18.

30. *Action:* The COP will be invited to take note of the report of the SBSTA on its thirty-sixth session. The Chair of the SBSTA will also report back to the COP on the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA.

<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2</i>	<i>Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012</i>
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#### (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

31. *Background:* The report by the Chair of the SBI on the thirty-seventh session of the SBI will include any recommendations of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session arising from the work conducted by the SBI based on the agendas adopted at the thirty-sixth (FCCC/SBI/2012/15) and thirty-seventh sessions of the SBI (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

32. The report by the Chair of the SBI will address matters, inter alia, related to issues that have been mandated for consideration at COP 18.

33. *Action:* The COP will be invited to take note of the report of the SBI on its thirty-sixth session. The Chair of the SBI will also report back to the COP on the thirty-seventh session of the SBI.

<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/15 and Add.1 and 2</i>	<i>Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012</i>
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### 4. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

34. *Background:* The COP, at its thirteenth session, established the AWG-LCA to conduct a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation

of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session.<sup>11</sup>

35. At its sixteenth and its seventeenth sessions, respectively, the COP adopted decision 1/CP.16 (Cancun Agreements)<sup>12</sup> and decision 2/CP.17 on the outcome of the work of the AWG-LCA.

36. Furthermore, by decision 1/CP.17, the COP decided to extend the AWG-LCA for one year in order for it to continue its work and reach the agreed outcome pursuant to decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan) through decisions adopted by the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the COP, at which time the AWG-LCA shall be terminated.<sup>13</sup>

37. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the results of the work of the AWG-LCA with a view to their adoption.

<i>FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1</i>	<i>Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1</i>	<i>Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3</i>	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first part of its fifteenth session, held in Bonn from 15 to 24 May 2011</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/14</i>	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the third and fourth parts of its fourteenth session, held in Panama City from 1 to 7 October 2011, and Durban from 29 November to 10 December 2011</i>

## 5. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

38. *Background:* The COP, by decision 1/CP.17, launched a process to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties, through the ADP, established by the same decision.

39. The COP, by decision 1/CP.17, also decided that the ADP shall plan its work in the first half of 2012, including, inter alia, on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, transparency of action and support, and capacity-building, drawing upon submissions from Parties and relevant technical, social and economic information and expertise.

<sup>11</sup> Decision 1/CP.13 (Bali Action Plan), paragraphs 1 and 2. At its fifteenth session, the COP decided to extend the mandate of the AWG-LCA to enable it to continue its work with a view to presenting the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its sixteenth session (decision 1/CP.15, para. 1).

<sup>12</sup> By this decision, the COP also requested the AWG-LCA to further continue its work and present the results to the COP for consideration at its seventeenth session (decision 1/CP.16, paras. 143 and 144).

<sup>13</sup> Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 1.



40. By the same decision, the COP launched a workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition to identify and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the ambition gap with a view to ensuring the highest possible mitigation efforts by all Parties.

41. Furthermore, at the first part of its first session, the ADP agreed on a multi-year arrangement for its Bureau and to forward this arrangement for endorsement by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>14</sup>

42. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of the ADP on the progress of its work in 2012. The COP will also be invited to endorse the arrangement of the ADP Bureau referred to in paragraph 41 above and to take any additional action it deems appropriate.

<i>FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1</i>	<i>Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session</i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/2</i>	<i>Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012</i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.1 and Add.1</i>	<i>Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from Parties</i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.2</i>	<i>Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations</i>
<i>FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.3 and Add.1</i>	<i>Views on a workplan for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Submissions from Parties</i>

## 6. Consideration of proposals by Parties under Article 17 of the Convention

43. *Background:* Article 17 of the Convention contains procedures for the adoption of protocols to the Convention. In accordance with Article 17, Parties have submitted six proposals. Five proposals were submitted in 2009 and were communicated to Parties and signatories to the Convention by 6 June 2009 and, for information, to the Depositary on 25 June 2009. One proposal was submitted in 2010 and communicated to Parties and signatories to the Convention on 28 May 2010 and, for information, to the Depositary on 17 June 2010.

44. The COP at its seventeenth session agreed to include this item on the provisional agenda for COP 18, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.<sup>15</sup>

45. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the proposals listed below and take any action it deems appropriate.

<i>FCCC/CP/2009/3</i>	<i>Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Japan for adoption at the fifteenth</i>
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<sup>14</sup> FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7 and annex I.

<sup>15</sup> FCCC/CP/2011/1, paragraph 41.

	<i>session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2009/4</i>	<i>Draft protocol to the Convention presented by the Government of Tuvalu under Article 17 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2009/5</i>	<i>Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Australia for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2009/6</i>	<i>Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Costa Rica to be adopted at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2009/7</i>	<i>Draft implementing agreement under the Convention prepared by the Government of the United States of America for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2010/3</i>	<i>Proposed protocol to the Convention submitted by Grenada for adoption at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>

## 7. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15

46. *Background:* Article 15 of the Convention contains procedures for amending the Convention. In accordance with Article 15, Parties submitted two proposals for consideration at COP 17.

### (a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention

47. By a letter dated 24 May 2011, the Russian Federation transmitted to the secretariat the text of a proposal for an amendment to Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention. The secretariat communicated the proposal to Parties and signatories to the Convention six months before COP 17 and sent it, for information, to the Depositary on 22 June 2011.

48. The COP, at its seventeenth session, considered the proposal and decided to include the item on the provisional agenda for COP 18, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

49. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the proposal and take any action it deems appropriate.

<i>FCCC/CP/2011/5</i>	<i>Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2 (f), of the Convention. Note by the secretariat</i>
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### (b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention

50. By a letter dated 26 May 2011, Papua New Guinea and Mexico transmitted to the secretariat the text of a proposal for amendments to Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention.

The secretariat communicated the proposal to Parties and signatories to the Convention six months before COP 17 and sent it, for information, to the Depositary on 22 June 2011.

51. The COP, at its seventeenth session, considered the proposal. The President noted that a revised proposal had been received<sup>16</sup> and the COP decided to include the item on the provisional agenda for COP 18, pursuant to rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

52. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the proposal and take any action it deems appropriate.

<i>FCCC/CP/2011/4/Rev.1</i>	<i>Revised proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat</i>
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## 8. Report of the Adaptation Committee

53. *Background:* The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, decided to establish the Cancun Adaptation Framework. In this context, and by the same decision, the COP also decided to establish an Adaptation Committee to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.

54. By decision 2/CP.17, the COP decided that the Adaptation Committee shall operate under the authority of, and be accountable to, the COP, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions. It also requested the Adaptation Committee to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, including on its activities, the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work, and, as appropriate, on further action that may be required under the Convention, for consideration by the COP.

55. The COP also requested the Adaptation Committee during its first year to develop a three-year plan for its work, which should include milestones, activities, deliverables and resource requirements, in accordance with its agreed functions, employing the modalities listed in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 94, considering the indicative list of activities included in annex V of that decision, for approval by the COP at its eighteenth session.

56. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

<i>FCCC/SB/2012/3</i>	<i>Report of the Adaptation Committee</i>
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## 9. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism

### (a) Report of the Technology Executive Committee

57. *Background:* See the SBSTA 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3) and the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

58. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

<sup>16</sup> FCCC/CP/2011/4/Rev.1.

FCCC/SB/2012/2

*Report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2012*

- (b) Matters relating to the Climate Technology Centre and Network: selection of the host and constitution of the advisory board

59. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

60. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

FCCC/SBI/2012/30

*Report on the discussions on key elements of the potential host agreement for the Climate Technology Centre. Note by the secretariat*

## 10. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention<sup>17</sup>

61. *Background:* Article 4, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention provides that a second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), shall take place not later than 31 December 1998. At COP 4, the President informed Parties that it had proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions on this matter. During the consideration of the provisional agenda for COP 5, the Group of 77 and China proposed amending the item to read "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention". There was no agreement on this, and the COP adopted the agenda of that session with the item held in abeyance. At subsequent sessions of the COP, the item was included on the provisional agenda of the COP with a footnote reflecting the amendment proposed by the Group of 77 and China at COP 5. At those previous sessions, the agenda was adopted with the item held in abeyance, and the President undertook consultations on the matter and reported back to the Parties on the outcome of the consultations.

62. The item was held at abeyance at COP 17, and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, it will be considered at COP 18.

63. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider this agenda item and take any action it deems appropriate.

<sup>17</sup> Parties may recall that at COP 4, it "proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions" on this matter (FCCC/CP/1998/16, para. 64). The item was therefore included on the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the COP in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. The COP, at its fifth session, could not reach a conclusion on this matter (FCCC/CP/1999/6, para. 18) and following rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the item was included on the provisional agenda for the sixth up to, and including, the twelfth sessions of the COP with a footnote reflecting a proposal made by the Group of 77 and China to amend the item to read "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention". On a proposal by the President, and on the basis of the recommendation made by the SBI, it was decided at COP 14 to defer consideration of this item to COP 16 (FCCC/CP/2008/7, para. 10). The COP, at its sixteenth session, based on a proposal by the President, deferred its consideration of this item, pursuant to rule 13 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, to COP 17. This item was held in abeyance at COP 17 and in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, it will be considered at COP 18.

## 11. Matters relating to finance

### (a) Work programme on long-term finance

64. *Background:* The COP, by decision 2/CP.17, decided to undertake a work programme on long-term finance in 2012, including workshops, to progress on long-term finance in the context of decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 97–101.<sup>18</sup> The two co-chairs of the work programme, appointed by the President of the COP, were requested to prepare a report on the workshops for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>19</sup>

65. In implementing the work programme, the co-chairs conducted a series of consultations with Parties and relevant international organizations, convened two workshops and used web-based tools to solicit views on long-term finance.<sup>20</sup>

66. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of the co-chairs and take a decision on the next steps.

FCCC/CP/2012/3	<i>Report on the workshops of the work programme on long-term finance. Note by the co-chairs</i>
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### (b) Report of the Standing Committee

67. *Background:* The COP, by decision 1/CP.16, decided to establish a Standing Committee<sup>21</sup> under the COP to assist the COP in exercising its functions with respect to the financial mechanism of the Convention in terms of improving coherence and coordination in the delivery of climate change financing, rationalization of the financial mechanism, mobilization of financial resources and measurement, reporting and verification of support provided to developing country Parties.

68. By decision 2/CP.17, the COP further defined the roles and functions of the Standing Committee.<sup>22</sup> It decided that the Standing Committee shall report and make recommendations to the COP, for its consideration, at each ordinary session of the COP on all aspects of its work.<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, it requested the Standing Committee to develop a work programme based on the activities outlined in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121, for presentation to the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>24</sup>

69. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of the Standing Committee, including its recommendations and work programme, and take a decision it deems appropriate.

FCCC/CP/2012/4	<i>Report of the Standing Committee to the Conference of the Parties</i>
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<sup>18</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 127.

<sup>19</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 131.

<sup>20</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/cooperation\\_support/financial\\_mechanism/long-term\\_finance/items/6814.php](http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/financial_mechanism/long-term_finance/items/6814.php)>.

<sup>21</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 112.

<sup>22</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 120–125 and annex VI.

<sup>23</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 120.

<sup>24</sup> Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 123.

(c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

70. *Background:* By decision 3/CP.17, the COP approved the governing instrument of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).<sup>25</sup> The Board of the GCF will submit annually its report to the COP on its activities.

71. By the same decision, the COP requested the Board to decide on a host country for endorsement by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>26</sup>

72. *Action:* The COP will be invited to consider the report of the Board of the GCF and take actions it deems appropriate. The COP will also be invited to endorse the decision by the Board of the GCF on a host country.

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/5</i>	<i>Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
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(d) Arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the Green Climate Fund

73. *Background:* By decision 3/CP.17, the COP decided to designate the GCF as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, with arrangements to be concluded between the COP and the GCF at the eighteenth session of the COP to ensure that it is accountable to and functions under the guidance of the COP to support projects, programmes, policies and other activities in developing country Parties.<sup>27</sup>

74. *Action:* The COP will be invited to decide on the arrangements, taking into account the report of the GCF.

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/5</i>	<i>Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
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(e) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

75. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

76. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for it to consider and recommend draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

<i>FCCC/CP/2012/6</i>	<i>Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.10</i>	<i>Views and recommendations from Parties on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility. Submissions from Parties</i>

(f) Further guidance to the Least Developed Countries Fund

77. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

<sup>25</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 2.

<sup>26</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 13.

<sup>27</sup> Decision 3/CP.17, paragraph 3.

78. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for it to consider and recommend draft decisions or conclusions, as it deems appropriate, for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/27</i>	<i>Report on the twenty-second meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.13</i>	<i>Synthesis report on the progress made in the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, taking into account information from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, the submissions referred to in decision 5/CP.16, paragraph 5, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant sources of information. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.12</i>	<i>Information from Parties on their experience with the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, and in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund. Submissions from Parties</i>
<i>FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.13</i>	<i>Submissions from the Global Environment Facility, United Nations agencies and other international organizations on how they can further support the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme other than national adaptation programmes of action. Submissions from the Global Environment Facility, United Nations agencies and other international organizations</i>
<i>FCCC/CP/2012/6</i>	<i>Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat</i>

## 12. National communications

### (a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

79. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

80. Furthermore, the SBI, at its thirty-sixth session, recommended a draft decision on this issue for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>28</sup>

81. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

82. The COP will also be invited to adopt the recommended draft decision mentioned in paragraph 80 above.

<sup>28</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/15/Add.1.

(b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

83. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

84. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

**13. Capacity-building under the Convention**

85. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

86. Furthermore, the SBI, at its thirty-sixth session, recommended a draft decision on this matter for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>29</sup>

87. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer the item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

88. The COP will also be invited to adopt the recommended draft decision mentioned in paragraph 86 above.

**14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention**

(a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)

89. *Background:* See the SBSTA 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3) and the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

90. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration. The SBSTA, pursuant to decision 1/CP.10, paragraph 23, will address issues relating to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. The SBI will address other aspects of the implementation of decision 1/CP.10 relating to adverse impacts of climate change and the impacts of response measures.

(b) Matters relating to the least developed countries

91. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

92. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

**15. Article 6 of the Convention**

93. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

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<sup>29</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/15/Add.1.



94. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of a draft decision or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

## 16. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies

95. *Background:* Any other matters concerning the Convention referred by the SBSTA and the SBI to the COP may be taken up under this item, including draft decisions and conclusions completed at the thirty-seventh sessions of the SBSTA and the SBI.

96. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt draft decisions or conclusions pertaining to the Convention forwarded by the SBSTA or the SBI at their thirty-seventh sessions.

## 17. Administrative, financial and institutional matters

### (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011

97. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

98. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

### (b) Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013

99. *Background:* See the SBI 37 provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2012/16).

100. *Action:* The COP will be invited to refer this sub-item to the SBI for its consideration and for recommendation of draft decisions or conclusions for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.

## 18. High-level segment

101. The inauguration of the high-level segment will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 December. National statements will be heard in joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment on Wednesday, 5 and Thursday, 6 December. The high-level segment will continue until Friday, 7 December.

102. The SBI, at its thirty-sixth session, agreed that arrangements should be made for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation,<sup>30</sup> with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and also concise statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, with a recommended time limit of two minutes, in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment.<sup>31</sup> Statements on behalf of groups, where the other members of the group do not speak, are strongly encouraged and additional time will be provided for these. The full texts of the official statements will be posted on the UNFCCC website and on the United Nations Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) documents portal and will not be circulated in hard copy in plenary during the high-level segment. Parties speaking at the

<sup>30</sup> Statements may also be made by other high-level representatives.

<sup>31</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 233.

high-level segment are requested to e-mail a copy of the statement to <PaperSmart@un.org> or submit a hard copy to the ISPS desk in the plenary hall.

103. The list of speakers will be open from Wednesday, 3 October, to Friday, 9 November.<sup>32</sup> Information related to the list, including a registration form, will be included in the notification to Parties for the sessions.

104. Further information on the high-level segment may be made available in an addendum to this document after consideration by the Bureau and the host Government of COP 18 and CMP 8.

## **19. Statements by observer organizations**

105. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations will be invited to address a joint meeting of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment. Further information will be made available.

## **20. Other matters**

106. Any other matters for the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item.

## **21. Conclusion of the session**

### **(a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session**

107. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the COP at the end of the session.

108. *Action:* The COP will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

### **(b) Closure of the session**

109. The President will declare the session closed.

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<sup>32</sup> Enquiries regarding this list may be directed to the Office of External Relations at the secretariat by telephone (+49 228 815 1611 or 815 1306), fax (+49 228 815 1999) or e-mail <sessions@unfccc.int>.

## Annex

### Documents before the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session

#### Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/CP/2012/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/CP/2012/2	Admission of observers: organizations applying for admission as observers. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2012/3	Report on the workshops of the work programme on long-term finance. Note by the co-chairs
FCCC/CP/2012/4	Report of the Standing Committee to the Conference of the Parties
FCCC/CP/2012/5	Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2012/6	Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat

#### Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/1996/2	Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of procedure. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/3	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Japan for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/4	Draft protocol to the Convention presented by the Government of Tuvalu under Article 17 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/5	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Australia for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/6	Draft protocol to the Convention prepared by the Government of Costa Rica to be adopted at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2009/7	Draft implementing agreement under the Convention prepared by the Government of the United States of America for adoption at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2010/3	Proposed protocol to the Convention submitted by Grenada for adoption at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixteenth session, held in Cancun from 29 November to 10 December 2010. Addendum. Part Two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session
FCCC/CP/2011/5	Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2 (f), of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2011/4/Rev.1	Revised proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/SB/2012/2	Report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2012
FCCC/SB/2012/3	Report of the Adaptation Committee
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2012/15 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012
FCCC/SBI/2012/16	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2012/27	Report on the twenty-second meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBI/2012/30	Report on the discussions on key elements of the potential host agreement for the Climate Technology Centre. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.13	Synthesis report on the progress made in the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, taking into account information from the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, the submissions referred to in decision 5/CP.16, paragraph 5, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other relevant sources of information. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.10	Views and recommendations from Parties on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility. Submissions from Parties

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- FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.12 Information from Parties on their experience with the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, and in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund. Submissions from Parties
- FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.13 Submissions from the Global Environment Facility, United Nations agencies and other international organizations on how they can further support the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme other than national adaptation programmes of action. Submissions from the Global Environment Facility, United Nations agencies and other international organizations
- FCCC/AWGLCA/2012/3 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the first part of its fifteenth session, held in Bonn from 15 to 24 May 2011
- FCCC/AWGLCA/2011/14 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on the third and fourth parts of its fourteenth session, held in Panama City from 1 to 7 October 2011, and Durban from 29 November to 10 December 2011
- FCCC/ADP/2012/2 Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session, held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012
- FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.1 and Add.1 Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from Parties
- FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.2 Views on options and ways for further increasing the level of ambition. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations
- FCCC/ADP/2012/MISC.3 and Add.1 Views on a workplan for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Submissions from Parties
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