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INFORMATION NOTE

Additional sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Groups

I am pleased to inform Parties, observer States and observer organizations to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol that the Bureau of COP 17 and CMP 7 met on 25 February 2012 and requested the secretariat to make arrangements for an additional sessional period in 2012 for:

- the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol;
- the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention;
- the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action.

These sessions will be held from Thursday, 30 August 2012 to Wednesday, 5 September 2012 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

In accordance with previous practice, the above-mentioned sessions will be preceded by preparatory meetings of the Group of 77 and China, the African Group, the small island developing States and the least developed countries from 24 August to 29 August 2012.

Regrettably, taking into consideration the availability of premises, it is not possible to hold side events and exhibits during the above mentioned sessions of the AWGs.

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The secretariat will be seeking funds to cover the costs of organizing the additional sessional period and of full participation by Parties eligible for funding, as these are not reflected in the approved budget.

The official notification and the provisional agendas for the sessions will be issued in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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