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Executive Secretary
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INFORMATION NOTE

Invitation for submissions

I am pleased to convey to Parties to the Convention the following messages, contained in two annexes to this note:

- Annex I: Joint message from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol and the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention;
- Annex II: Message from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention.

The above-mentioned messages invite Parties to submit their views by 16 February 2010.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

Yvo de Boer



Annex I

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

Joint message from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol and the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Dear colleagues,

In preparation for the work of 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 2010 we invite Parties to submit their views on the need for additional meeting time of the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA. In so doing, Parties may also wish to express their views on the possible number, duration and timing of such meeting(s). Based on the views expressed by Parties, the Chairs will make a recommendation to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties on the timing of the first session of the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA in 2010. Bureau members might also be seeking views from their constituencies.

We would appreciate it if these inputs could be submitted to the secretariat by 16 February 2010. We invite the secretariat to post the submissions on the UNFCCC website as they are received and to compile them into miscellaneous documents for consideration by the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA at their first sessions in 2010.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind consideration of this request and, in view of its urgency, invite you to respond in a timely manner.

Signed:

Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe
Chair of the AWG-LCA

Mr. John W. Ashe
Chair of the AWG-KP



Annex II

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

Message from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention

Dear colleagues,

The Conference of the Parties (COP) at its fifteenth session decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (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.¹

It is an honour for me to be elected as the Chair of the AWG-LCA and I am looking forward to serving the process to the best of my ability.

The COP requested the AWG-LCA to continue its work, drawing on its report to the COP at its fifteenth session² as well as work undertaken by the COP on the basis of that report.³ Accordingly, the secretariat is compiling the report on the eighth session of the AWG-LCA and a document containing the latest versions of the texts that were considered by the contact group established by the COP. Both documents will be issued shortly.

The AWG-LCA did not have the opportunity in Copenhagen to consider the organization of its work in 2010, nor did the timing of my election allow me to consult Parties in Copenhagen on their views on the work programme for 2010. In order for the AWG-LCA to be able to complete its work and present the outcome to the COP at its sixteenth session it is essential to place the work on firm footing. There are several possibilities to advance the work of the AWG-LCA and various aspects on which Parties may wish to reflect and express their ideas, concerns and proposals.

I would therefore like to invite Parties to submit to the secretariat their views on how best to advance the work of the AWG-LCA in 2010. These submissions could include, inter alia, views, ideas and proposals on:

1. Organization of the work in 2010, including on how to ensure that the negotiating process remains transparent, inclusive and efficient in delivering substantive outcomes;
2. Initiatives the Chair could take to facilitate progress;
3. Other aspects relevant to the work of the AWG-LCA in 2010.

I would appreciate it if these inputs could be submitted to the secretariat by 16 February 2010. I invite the secretariat to post the submissions on the UNFCCC website as they are received and to compile them into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the AWG-LCA at its first session in 2010.

¹ Decision -/CP.15, "Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention", paragraph 1.

² FCCC/AWG/LCA/2009/L.7/Rev.1 and Add.1, Add.2/Rev.1, Add.3-7, Add.8/Rev.1 and Add.9.

³ Decision -/CP.15, "Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention", paragraph 2.



Jointly with the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, I will also invite Parties to submit their views on the possible need for additional meeting time in 2010.⁴

I hope to have opportunities to consult Parties over the coming months and stand ready to meet with negotiating groups as opportunities arise. I will also be reporting to the Bureau at its first meeting in 2010 on the state of preparations.

I intend to further elaborate potential approaches to the organization of the work in 2010 in a scenario note inspired by your submissions as well as by the conversations I hope to be able to have with as many of you as possible.

Signed:

Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe
Chair of the AWG-LCA

⁴ See the joint message from the Chair of the AWG-KP and the Chair of the AWG-LCA contained in annex I to this notification.