

## **The Copenhagen Decisions**

### **Submission for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) for the amendment of the Kyoto Protocol pursuant to its article 3, paragraph 9**

**Proposal by the African Group  
(Copenhagen – Denmark, 12 December 2009)**

**Agenda item 3:** Consideration of the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate

**Agenda item 4:** Contribution of Annex I Parties, individually or jointly, to the scale of emission reductions to be achieved by Annex I Parties in aggregate

AMENDMENT TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

#### **ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At the fifth Conference of the Parties serving as Meeting of the Parties to the above Protocol, held in Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December 2009, the Parties adopted, in accordance with the procedure laid down in article 21 paragraph 7 of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Annex B, as set out in Annex V to the report of the fifth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

The text of the above Amendment, in the six official languages of its adoption is attached as an Annex to this notification.

In accordance with article 20, paragraph 4 of the Protocol, the amendment shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted the amendment on the ninetieth day after the date of receipt by the Depositary of an instrument of acceptance by at least three fourths of the Parties to this Protocol. The Amendment, in accordance with article 20, paragraph 5 of the Protocol, shall enter into force for any other Party to the Protocol on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of its instrument of acceptance of the said amendment.

The Parties agreed that pending the entry into force of this amendment, the provisions of the amendment shall provisionally apply. The provisional application shall be effective until the amendments enter into force in accordance with article 20, paragraph 4 of this Protocol.

# AMENDMENT TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

## Article 1: Amendment

### A. Article 3

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 3 of the Protocol after paragraph 1:

*1 bis*

The Parties included in Annex I shall, individually or jointly, ensure that their aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A do not exceed their assigned amounts, calculated pursuant to their quantified emission reduction commitments inscribed in Annex B and in accordance with the provisions of this Article, with a view to reducing their overall emissions of such gases by at least 95% per cent below 1990 levels by 2050 through the reduction of greenhouse gases from sources and removals by sinks. This shall be achieved during subsequent commitment periods by the end of 2050.

*1 ter*

The Parties included in Annex I shall, individually or jointly, ensure that their aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A mainly from domestic sources do not exceed their assigned amounts, calculated pursuant to their quantified emission reduction commitments inscribed in Annex B and in accordance with the provisions of this Article, with a view to reducing their overall domestic emissions of such gases by at least 45 % below their 1990 levels by 2020.

The following paragraphs shall be added to Article 3 of the Protocol after paragraph 7:

*7 bis* In the second quantified emission reduction commitment period, from 2013 to 2017, the assigned amount for each Party included in Annex I shall be equal to the percentage inscribed for it in Annex B of its aggregated anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A in 1990, or the base year or period determined in accordance with paragraph 5 above, multiplied by five.

The second sentence of paragraph 9 shall be deleted and the following shall be added to Article 3 of the Protocol after paragraph 9:

*9 bis*

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall initiate the consideration of commitments for any further subsequent commitment periods at least 4 years before the end of the commitment period that immediately proceeds the commitment period under consideration.

.....