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- ninth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)
(Bonn, 9-11 April 2010)

= Compilation of EU statements

Please find attached for information the statements delivered by Spain and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States at abovementioned AWGs.

Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia have associated themselves with these statements.

**Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I parties
under the Kyoto Protocol**

Opening plenary on 9 April 2010

Mr Chairman, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

Mr Chair, as we have already said in our previous statement at the AWG LCA plenary, this meeting provides an excellent opportunity to take stock of Copenhagen in order to ensure a stepwise approach within UNFCCC process in the road to Cancun and to lay a firm foundation for future negotiations.

The EU aims to ensure that the work in both tracks results in a comprehensive global legal framework which leads us to stay below 2°C increase in global temperatures compared to preindustrial levels. Hence, we recognize the importance of the positive outcome of the Copenhagen Conference that constitutes a step in the continuous negotiations on a global legally-binding post-2012 agreement under the UNFCCC. In this regard the EU recognizes the crucial and sensible role of the Kyoto track in the overall process and we are open to discuss with other Parties how to take it forward.

The EU is open to consider positively all proposals keeping this environmental goal within reach. We are concerned about losing this opportunity to combat climate change and we want to work in all reliable options. Nevertheless, Mr. Chair in this respect the environmental integrity and effectiveness of such an overall agreement is of utmost importance for the EU.

The EU believes that after Copenhagen we need to redirect our efforts and bring a new dynamic into the international negotiations process by focusing the discussion on substance. The priority for 2010 will be to reach agreement on as many of the core elements as possible underpinning the more mature provisions where progress has been made while reflecting the political guidance reached by our Heads of States and Government through the Copenhagen Accord into the negotiations.

Mr Chair, let me restate once again that the EU stands behind the Kyoto Protocol and we will deliver on our Kyoto commitments. We have not only committed under the Protocol, but implemented it, and taken actions to fulfil our targets. Furthermore, the EU has already binding legislation in place fully based on the Kyoto Protocol architecture and provisions that will reduce emissions by 2020. Besides an objective for 2050 has been adopted that aims to reduce emissions 80-95% below the 1990 level in the context of adequate global commitments.

Within this context, credibility and legitimacy are key for the EU. We need to provide our stakeholders with the certainty that we are looking for a legally binding framework that assures the continuity beyond 2012, and we also need to improve the current rules to strengthen the environmental integrity of the system.

More ambitious mitigation commitments by a large number of Parties are needed. Copenhagen mitigation pledges of developed countries have been confirmed and complemented by developing countries. We want to stress that we are moving in the right direction, and we want to welcome the fact that many developing countries have put forward quantified nationally appropriate mitigation actions which will contribute towards achieving the long-term global goal. Nevertheless, it is clear that developed countries as a group must continue to take the lead to reach the 2°C objective.

In the next sessions in the run-up to Cancun, we need to keep working on raising the level of ambition and for that we have to conduct focused work and to provide all Parties and stakeholders with clear signals on the mitigation targets, actions and mechanisms as well as on the common rules for fulfilling and implementing them.

Mr Chair, for 2010, the EU considers that our work plan should enable progress and conclusion of work in the outstanding issues in Cancun. For this, we need to work in an efficient and consistent manner with a comprehensive perspective that enables us to bring a broad range of issues under negotiation into a package that all Parties can agree on.

Finally, Mr Chair, the EU commits to work constructively with other Parties, under your guidance, to make this meeting a useful step on our road to Cancun. In this regard, the EU is of the view that the best way to advance on the substantive discussions during 2010 is in a single contact group. We fully support the Chair, to make all the necessary arrangements in order to facilitate progress, including the presentation of proposals on texts and proposing innovative negotiating formats while respecting transparency and inclusiveness, but also looking for effectiveness. We count on the leadership of the AWG KP Chair in close cooperation with the incoming COP and COP/MOP Mexican Presidency to lay the ground for further progress in the coming negotiating sessions.

Further, a close coordination with the AWG LCA will be important. The EU will support arrangements to that end, for instance the establishment of horizontal groups across the two tracks for key issues.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action Under the Convention

Opening plenary on 9 April 2010

Madame chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

As this is the first time we all meet after Copenhagen let me start by making a brief reflection on the fundamental challenges this Conference opened that now must be overcome to reach a strong multilateral outcome. We all have to frankly assess and examine the lessons learned last December. The EU has taken advantage of the last months to carefully reflect on Copenhagen and we have realized that there is a need to improve, our organization and methods of work within the UNFCCC process in order to deliver on time.

To this end the work undertaken this year will be crucial to ensure a way forward for the achievement of our goal. Meanwhile the confidence in the process and among Parties has to be recovered. The need to forge an agreement to combat climate change is becoming more urgent

Madame Chair, this meeting provides an excellent opportunity to take stock of Copenhagen in order to ensure a stepwise approach within UNFCCC process in the road to Cancun and to lay a firm foundation for future negotiations.

The European Union recognises the importance of the positive outcomes of the Copenhagen Conference which give important political guidance from the highest level to the further negotiations and constitutes a step in the continuing negotiations on a global legally binding post 2012 agreement under the UNFCCC. Nevertheless the EU regrets that these outcomes did not reflect the EU's expectations and ambitions. In this context, we welcome the decisions adopted in Copenhagen on the continuation of the work of both AWGs with a view to delivering the result of their work to the Cancun Climate Conference. The EU remains fully committed to negotiate with all the Parties with the objective to ensure that the work in both tracks results in a comprehensive global legal framework which allows us to stay below 2°C increase in global temperatures compared to preindustrial levels

Madame Chair, the EU believes that after Copenhagen we need to redirect our efforts and bring a new dynamic into the international negotiations process by focussing the discussion on substance. The priority for 2010 will be to reach agreement on as many as the core elements as possible underpinning the provisions where more progress has been made while reflecting the political guidance reached by our Heads of States and Government through the Copenhagen Accord into the negotiations.

We need to restore confidence; confidence in the UN process and confidence among Parties. To this end we should work together and continue negotiations in both AWGs in a transparent and inclusive way, finding innovative working methods that guarantee an efficient and effective use of time and resources. We cannot go back to business as usual but rather show the world our commitment to the UNFCCC by ensuring constructive negotiations and swift delivery of results.

In order to recover confidence, we all have to honour our commitments. In this regard, and in the framework of the implementation of the elements contained in the Copenhagen Accord, to which the EU associated in 28th January 2010, we are prepared to play our part, keep working on our Climate and Energy Package and to implement our commitment to provide EUR 2.4 billion annually over the 2010-2012 period for fast start financing, and we call on other key players to make their contributions as soon as possible. The swift implementation of this commitment will be crucial. To this end, the EU and its Member States have initiated informal consultations on practical ways to implement fast start funding in specific areas. Furthermore the EU Heads of States have committed to present a preliminary state of play of their commitments at the May/June 2010 UNFCCC sessions and submit coordinated reports on implementation in Cancun and thereafter on an annual basis. For the EU it is crucial to come to negotiations fully backed by our credibility and legitimacy.

For 2010, the EU considers that our work plan should enable progress and conclusion of the outstanding issues in Cancun as well as deciding how to get to a legally binding outcome. For this, we need to work in an efficient and consistent manner with a comprehensive perspective that enables us to bring a broad range of issues under negotiation into a package that all Parties are able to agree on. For the AWG LCA, this means avoiding proliferation of groups and facilitating the discussion on the interaction of the different elements of the negotiations in a more simplified and coherent manner.

Madame Chair, we fully support you and we consider it is necessary that you have the flexibility in exercising your leadership in driving the process forward. In this regard, we concur with your proposal of conducting work through a single contact group and we count on you to facilitate progress, including by tabling text proposals by the June session under your responsibility. We consider it is crucial that you work in close cooperation with the incoming COP and COP/MOP Mexican Presidency to make all the necessary arrangements to lay the ground for a successful result in Cancun.

Madame Chair, the EU is ready to work with you to set the roadmap for taking the negotiations forward.

Further, a close coordination with the AWG KP will be important. The EU will support arrangements to that end, for instance the establishment of horizontal groups across the two tracks for key issues.

Thank you.