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- 10th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) (Bonn, 1-11 June 2010)
- 12th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) (Bonn, 1-11 June 2010)
- 32nd sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SBs) (Bonn, 31 May - 9 June 2010)

= Compilation of EU statements

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

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

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

**Opening plenary on 1 June 2010**

Madame Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

The EU has come to Bonn with a firm determination to start negotiating on substance. It is time to move from procedural discussions into substantive debates if we want to give an ambitious response to climate change consistent with the 2°C objective. The need to forge an agreement to combat climate change is becoming more urgent and it is in our hands to make it happen.

Madame Chair, you have put in front of us a text that can facilitate further negotiations. We appreciate your efforts in preparing this document, which contains key elements that are important for a number of Parties, including the Copenhagen Accord. Nevertheless, there is still room for improvement since some central questions to the EU, that were discussed in Copenhagen, such as individual ambitious emission reduction targets and bunker fuels, have not been reflected in the text, but we are ready to look for the common grounds with other Parties.

The text proves that we are all in agreement on the main elements we need to fight against climate change. However, we have different perspectives on how to approach the debate, on timings and on the means to ensure the transparency of the system to make it credible. To move our positions closer we support your suggestions to address crosscutting elements such as the institutional arrangements, MRV and Finance. This will allow us to have an overview of the negotiations to identify the core elements we need to focus our work. If we succeed in this exercise during this session, we will have also taken a step forward in recovering confidence in the UNFCCC process and among Parties.

As most of us highlighted in the April session, it is now fundamental to do that. Besides, we all have to honour our commitments. In this regard, let me inform you that two weeks ago, the Ministers of Finance of the European Union have reiterated their commitment on fast start of 2.4 billion EUR annually over the 2010 – 2012 period. Let me stress that this is especially relevant in a moment of difficult budgetary constraints. Furthermore the EU Heads of State have agreed to present a preliminary state of play of their commitments during this session. We have organised a side event this coming Thursday to this end. Additionally, the EU and its Member States have initiated informal consultations on practical ways to implement fast start funding in specific areas. The EU will submit coordinated reports on implementation of the 7.2 billion EUR Fast Start commitments in Cancun and thereafter on an annual basis.

Finance is a very important element of the future system but we need to ensure a balance on all LCA elements: the reliability of the system, the need to raise the level of ambition and the inclusivity are also key pillars to promote the complicity of all Parties and stakeholders to reach our common global goal. In this light, the EU reiterates its openness to consider positively all proposals keeping the 2 C environmental goal within reach, taking into account that the environmental integrity and effectiveness of an overall agreement is of utmost importance for us, as well as the need to ensure broader participation.

Madame Chair, the EU would also want to highlight the willingness from many Parties after Copenhagen to get climate cooperation off the ground as soon as possible. In that sense, we welcome the implementation partnerships that will provide key lessons for guiding ongoing negotiations. The EU and its Member States are very active in all these new initiatives, the Partnership on REDD+ and the recently announced in the context of the Petersberg Dialogue on Adaptation and on MRV.

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.

Madame Chair, as we stressed in April we fully support you. 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 approach to the session, including your proposal of conducting work through a single contact group and to facilitate progress through focused thematic discussion guided by specific questions. 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. The EU is ready to be involved and work with you in a constructive manner to move this process forward

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

**Opening plenary on 1 June 2010**

Mister Chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

The EU has come to Bonn with a firm determination to focus our negotiations on substance. It is time to move from procedural discussions into substantive debates. From our discussions in the last session it is clear to all of us that we still have a lot of work ahead in this track and the EU is determined to progress in this group. We can speak from a credible position when we refer to the need to advance especially on technical issues that guarantee the environmental integrity of the outcome. We would wish to stress at this occasion that the EU is on track to meet its target under the 1<sup>st</sup> commitment period of the KP. Based on latest 2008 inventory data, emissions of EU15 are down by 6.9% below base year and for the EU27 they are down by 14.3% below base year.

Mr Chair, the EU would like to stress the importance of the KP track in the overall negotiations to reach a comprehensive legally binding outcome in line with the 2°C objective. We should all work in an open and constructive spirit if we want to give an ambitious response to climate change consistent with this objective; it is in our hands to make this happen. In this light, the EU reiterates its openness to consider all proposals keeping this environmental goal within reach, taking into account that the environmental integrity and effectiveness of an overall agreement is of utmost importance for us, as well as the need to ensure broader participation

We would like to restate the need to raise the level of ambition of emission reduction targets for Annex I Parties. To do that, it is essential to conduct focused work and facilitate the discussion on the interaction of different elements of the negotiations. In this regard, the EU would like to thank you, Mr. Chair, for the documentation you have prepared to facilitate our negotiations as well as the Secretariat for the papers on Annex I pledges produced that will help us make progress on questions related to the pledges.

In this regard, Mr Chair, you know that the EU sees a lot of synergies appearing between our work and that of the AWG-LCA and we need to explore the common concerns in order to be able to advance in parallel towards a successful and balanced outcome in Cancun. The EU believes that by promoting mutual reinforcement of the common elements on both tracks, we could advance our work and unblock some of the discussions on our agenda.

Mr Chair, the EU is ready to be involved and work with you in a constructive manner to move this process forward.

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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

### Opening plenary on 31 May 2010

Mister chair, distinguished colleagues, dear friends,

I would like to start highlighting that the EU has arrived to these negotiations fully committed to work constructively and cooperatively with other Parties with the objective to move the process forward. The success we all want in 2010 will depend on us, Parties, working with a clear focus and demonstrating the ability of this process to deliver concrete results to lay the foundations for further advances.

The EU is well aware that the duality of these negotiations is a challenge we are facing during these two weeks. We are negotiating the technical aspects of the current functioning system which will also contribute to build the future international regime for climate change. In this situation an effective, coherent and rational approach has to be applied to the work to be done these days. The EU wants to promote the synergies and mutually reinforcing elements between the sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies and the Sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Groups from a positive perspective to reach out of them the most positive outcomes.

In this context, the best evidence to show that UNFCCC and the KP framework is fully operational and effective, is the progress achieved in the implementation of the current climate change regime and the experience and lessons learnt through the SBI. The SBI agenda offers a clear catalogue of tools which have been improved along previous negotiations and which should be our reference to move forward.

We need concrete deliverables to reinforce the trust on this framework and the construction of the future regimen. The improvements searching on the National Communications are a clear example of the importance of the work we are carrying out; they represent the cornerstone of our system, the ownership of our efforts to fight against climate change, and the foundations for the transparency and the credibility of the whole model. Concerning the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, the EU wants to welcome the finalization of the successful negotiations for the Fifth Replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, where US\$1.3 billion have been programmed for climate change.

Finally, the EU would like to stress the urgent need of financial and technological support to enhance country driven concrete adaptation efforts. In that sense, the EU welcomes the steps taken by the Adaptation Fund Board to make possible its operationalization. The EU has already mobilized an important contribution to this Fund to help its functioning.

Mr. Chair, I have only mentioned some examples, but all the improvements we can reach on the elements of this agenda will help to consolidate the credibility and the effectiveness of the UNFCCC system, and therefore we should be able to honestly identify the different perspectives we are negotiating in each session.

Mr Chair, we look forward to working under your Chairmanship.

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## Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

### Opening plenary on 31 May 2010

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Mister Chair, the full SBSTA agenda we face in this session is the best evidence that UNFCCC and the KP framework is fully operational and effective. We should take this opportunity to make progress in the key technical issues in order to provide timely results. Only with concrete deliverables we can reinforce the trust on this framework and enlighten the construction of the future regime.

Following this line, the EU considers that this agenda offers to all of us big opportunities to move forward. Inter alia, we see clear examples, as the Nairobi Work Programme, which has demonstrated great potential in fulfilling its aims. The EU believes that it is time for opening a reflection on how to provide continuity and improve its results. Another important example is the Research Dialogue, where the EU wants to continue strengthen the key role of the science to facilitate informed decisions in the negotiating process. Also the negotiations on REDD and Development and Transfer of Technologies are key aspects the EU wants to look for a way forward.

The EU also welcomes the opportunity provided by CMP5 to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to recommend modalities and procedures for the development of standardized baselines in the CDM.

Finally, the EU is convinced that all the improvements we can reach on the scientific and methodological elements of this agenda will help to consolidate the credibility and the effectiveness of the UNFCCC system, and therefore we should be able to honestly identify the different perspectives we are negotiating in each session.

Mr Chair, we look forward to working under your Chairmanship.

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