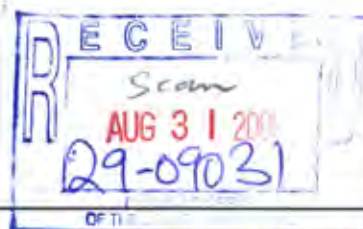


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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General Date: 14 August 2009  
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SUBJECT: Report on AWG Intersessional Informal Consultations, Bonn, 10-14 August 2009 ✓

Today the third negotiating session for the year concluded here in Bonn. The session was attended by some 2000 delegates, representing Parties and other relevant interest groups and was characterised as an intersessional informal consultation.

Discussions helped to clarify a number of technical issues, especially some that are not so central to the overall politics.

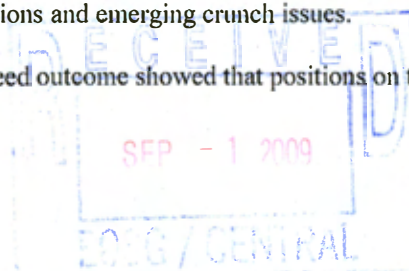
Although this allowed for some progress there was a disturbing feeling of nervousness and mistrust amongst countries. This was reflected in statements made by Sudan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and by other countries within the Group, such as Bolivia, Nicaragua and Venezuela, who expressed a strong concern that a deal seems to be emerging that does not take into account the interests of smaller developing countries, but is driven by the agenda of the major economies.

Let me take this opportunity to bring to your attention another concern raised by the chair of the Group of 77 and China. In a bilateral with Ambassador Lumumba of Sudan, I was informed that members of the Group are concerned that the High-Level Summit on Climate Change will be used as a platform to legitimise the outcomes of other processes such as the G8 and the MEF. I have assured them that this is not the intention; however I believe that you should be aware of this concern.

### Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-Term Co-operative Action (AWG-LCA)

In the AWG-LCA, this week marked the first part of a three-week phase of the negotiations, which will continue in Bangkok in late September. During the past week, negotiators considered the revised negotiating text and sought to consolidate and clarify the policy options. Good progress was made on adaptation, technology and capacity-building where the groups managed to consolidate some of the sections of the negotiating text. Less progress was made on mitigation and finance, but the discussions enabled Parties and groups of Parties to better understand the different positions and emerging crunch issues.

An informal discussion on the legal form of the agreed outcome showed that positions on this have not changed from the exchanges in early June on this issue.





### Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments of Annex I Parties (AWG-KP)

In the AWG-KP, discussions continued from the June session on the pledges of Annex I Parties as well as other issues that define the emission reduction targets. During the session, New Zealand announced its target to cut greenhouse gas emissions between 10 and 20 per cent of 1990 levels by 2020 indicating a number of contingencies. This now completes the list of emission reduction pledges of Annex I countries that are Party to the Kyoto Protocol. The overall ambition level is still, however, very low, ie between 13 and 21% below 1990 levels (depending on assumptions). Discussions on how to raise this level continue.

There were some excellent in-depth discussions about complex technical matters such as calculating assigned amounts, fixing quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives (QELROs) and land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF). Parties now have a better understanding of the positions of others.

### Moving Ahead

The next session will be convened in Bangkok, Thailand, a few days after your Summit, from 28 September to 9 October. To make real advances, stronger political direction needs to be given to negotiators. Although not formally linked to the negotiations, your Summit has the potential to positively influence the direction and mood of the discussions in Bangkok and beyond.

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