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Views on comparability of efforts in the Bali Action Plan

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The Bali Action Plan calls for ensuring comparability of efforts among developed country Parties, taking into account differences in national circumstances. It is difficult to come up with an objective formula for comparability of efforts, but the AWG-LCA should consider what parameters are relevant in this respect. A number of parameters have been listed in a technical paper^{*} produced to aid the work of the AWG-KP, which are relevant and useful in this respect. Iceland believes that analysis of sectoral mitigation potentials can also be helpful in this regard, with comparable methodology employed for developed countries. One way to address these issues would be to discuss them in a workshop to be held in 2009.

One question to consider in this respect is comparability of efforts between large and small Parties. In the case of a Party as small as Iceland, the commission or decommission of a single factory can cause emissions to rise or fall by 5 or 10% or even more. This issue was addressed by the Convention in Decision 14/CP.7, which deals with the impact of single projects on emissions in small economies. Iceland would like to ensure that this issue be dealt with in an enhanced mitigation regime in a way that small parties would face neither disproportionate advantages or disadvantages due to lack of flexibility of actions. Iceland wants to cooperate with other parties in the AWG-LCA and other relevant fora to ensure that this issue is taken care of in deliberations towards Copenhagen. This issue is of course especially of concern to small parties, but it can also be seen as reflecting on the fairness and effectiveness of the mitigation regime as a whole.

^{*} *Synthesis of information relevant to the determination of the mitigation potential and to the identification of possible ranges of emission reduction objectives of Annex I Parties Technical paper (FCCC/TP/2007/1).*