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Abstract

Brazil is strongly committed to the Kyoto Protocol. After so many negotiations, after so many years, we have an instrument to respond to climate change in our hands. Now we must concentrate on results. We cannot allow the discussions on the future of the climate change regime be used to undermine the credibility of the Kyoto Protocol, especially regarding compliance and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

Globalisation must become an instrument for disseminating patterns of production and consumption that are compatible with the international efforts towards mitigation of climate change. In this context, we are convinced that the potential of the CDM is immense: it can turn out to be one of the most effective means to avoid unsustainable patterns of production and consumption.

Brazil believes the CDM contains all the important elements that drive climate change negotiations because it:

- contributes to the fulfilment of the ultimate objective of the Convention;
- is a flexible mechanism that supports the fulfilment of Annex I countries commitments;
- engages developing countries in meaningful participation in mitigation efforts, which would not be economically feasible otherwise;
- can involve governments, civil society and the business community;
- allows people from developing countries to meet their legitimate aspirations of raising living standards in ways compatible with sustainable development.

Because of the CDM, projects that could not have seen the light of day have become a reality. Projects that bring a positive impact from the social, environmental and economic points of view, and may also significantly contribute to the transfer of technology and, even more important, to support the development of local technologies.

Until November 2004 we were still discussing the possibility of the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol. Since February 2005, though, we have entered a new phase. Nevertheless, a new, pessimistic view of the Kyoto Protocol has gained momentum. We have changed the uncertainty regarding its entry into force for the uncertainties of the post-2012 regime. We do not use the expression post-Kyoto; we use post-2012. The best way to look at post-2012 is to ensure the success of the Kyoto Protocol and the CDM.