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The 'Brazilian proposal'

"While acknowledging that it is important to be able to detect climate change and attribute it to individual sources, it was noted that the problem in reality is highly complicated, with no known methods for achieving relatively-quick and sound answers that would stand the test of objective scientific appraisal. The full problem is too complex to be decided by the use of simple models. Proposed that WCRP offer to: conduct a critical review of a comprehensive scientific report, submitted by SBSTA, on the clear objectives of the so-called 'Brazilian proposal', the methodologies used to date in addressing the scientific issues involved, and the results achieved (should such a report be available); provide WCRP representation at the workshop on the 'Brazilian proposal' that has been suggested for 2003 by the governments of Brazil and the UK; point out specific research activities being undertaken or planned by WCRP, which are of direct relevance to the fundamental science and methodologies which underpin the issues raised in the 'Brazilian proposal'."