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ISSUES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 3, OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Submissions from Parties

1. A submission has been received from the Group of 77 and China in relation to item 9 (b) of the agenda of the eighteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.
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GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA

**GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA POSITION ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 2.3 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

Reference: SBSTA Agenda Item, 9 (b), Document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/1.

Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China welcomes the opportunity to discuss the issues relating to the implementation of Article 2.3 of the Kyoto Protocol and consider that such discussion is very important. In Marrakech, a year and a half ago, it was concluded that this Article consideration should take place during the SBSTA 17th session.

As we all know, the consideration of this issue started since The SBSTA 16th. However, the consideration of the issue did not complete whereby at The SBSTA 17th it was agreed to continue the consideration of this item in SBSTA 18th.

The Group of 77 and China position in this regarded is four-fold:

1. This agenda item should be moved to be a regular SBSTA agenda item starting this session;
2. The secretariat should carry out SBSTA mandate in its conclusion 66. (c) of document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6 to revise document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.13 by assessing the impact of these policies and measures on developing countries as outlined in Article 2.3 of the Kyoto Protocol;
3. Consider an initial workshop before The SBSTA 19th session;
4. Consider a draft decision to The COP at its 9th session to outline the required recommended initial actions for consideration by the first meeting of the COP/Mop.

In order to implement the provisions of this Article, the Group of 77 and China requests SBSTA to consider number of elements including:

1. What developed countries can do to minimize the impacts of their policies and measures on developing countries?
2. How developed countries can assist developing countries to adapt to such impacts?
3. What are the Spillover effects of these policies and measures and what can be done to minimize their adverse effects, including the adverse effects of Climate Change, social, environmental and economic impacts with specific emphasis of effects on international trade on developing countries?

Finally, the Group of 77 and China, believes that the way forward to tackle this issue is by deliberations via informal consultations and workshops with the view to prepare a decision by COP 9th to recommend initial actions for consideration by the first meeting of COP/Mop.
