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SECOND REVIEW OF THE ADEQUACY OF ARTICLE 4,  
SUBPARAGRAPHS 2 (a) AND (b)

Position paper and draft decision submitted by the Group of 77 and China

Note by the secretariat

1. The attached position paper and draft decision were submitted by Indonesia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in connection with the work of the eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, and in particular with reference to agenda item 5, "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b)".
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GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA

POSITION PAPER ON THE SECOND REVIEW OF THE ADEQUACY OF  
ARTICLE 4, SUBPARAGRAPHS 2 (a) AND (b)

1. The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 4), in carrying out its second review of the adequacy of Article 4, subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b) of the Convention, must respect the mandate of the Convention, as set forth in subparagraph 2 (d) of that Article.
2. COP 4 must not be distracted from carrying out that review as mandated by the Convention by the introduction of any extraneous matters such as the consideration of new commitments for Parties not included in Annex I.
3. COP 4 should decide that the next review take place at the same time as the review that is to be carried out at the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties, in accordance with Article 9.2 of the Kyoto Protocol.
4. Subsequent review should take place in the year preceding the termination of each successive commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol.

DRAFT DECISION

On Second Review of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention  
and Related Matters

The Conference of the Parties, at its fourth session,

Noting (Reaffirming) that “the largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, that per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs” (quoted from Para 3 of Preamble to the Convention),

Basing itself on the Convention provisions, in particular Article 4.2(d) of the Convention,

Having reviewed Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention in accordance with Article 4.2(d) of the Convention, and having concluded that these subparagraphs are not adequate,

Deeply concerned that, according to their national communications, most of the developed country Parties will not be able to honour their evidently inadequate commitments of returning to their 1990 levels their anthropogenic emissions of the greenhouse gases as required of them under Article 4.2(b),

Decides

1. that those developed country Parties that have not made demonstrable progress in returning to their 1990 levels their anthropogenic emissions of the GHGs as specified in Article 4.2(b) of the Convention, shall make efforts in good faith in honouring their commitments under Article 4.2(a) and (b) by the end of the present decade (or: at the latest, by 2005, as provided for in Article 3.2 of the Kyoto Protocol);

2. that the Third Review, by the Conference of the Parties, of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention shall take place at the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account the timing mentioned in Article 9.2 of the Kyoto Protocol;

3. that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.2(d) of the Convention further reviews of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention shall take place thereafter at regular intervals, namely, one year before the commencement of each subsequent “commitment period” for developed country Parties, following their first commitment period (2008 - 2012), until the objective of the Convention is met.

4. that any such review shall not introduce any new commitments for developing country Parties.