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First rounds of UN negotiations and talks on future climate action set to conclude in Bonn, Germany

(Bonn, 24 May 2006) - A first round of negotiations under the "Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol" is set to conclude late on Thursday, 25 May in Bonn, Germany.

The focus of this body, involving the 163 Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, is on further measures to be taken by industrialized countries for the phase after 2012, when the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol ends

The Kyoto Protocol requires 36 industrialized Parties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions below levels specified for each of them in the Protocol. Overall, this should amount to reductions of at least 5% below 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012.

The United Nations Climate Change Secretariat will be holding a press conference on the outcomes of these negotiations on

Friday, 26 May at 13:15 in the Hotel Maritim in Bonn

The Climate Change Secretariat will also sum up the results of a first round of talks involving all 189 contracting Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The first session of the "Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention" (held on 15 and 16 May) addressed issues such as the link between sustainable development and climate change, adaptation to climate change, the potential of technology and the use of market-based opportunities to combat climate change.



In addition to this, senior staff of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat will brief the press on issues covered in the May meetings of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. These include:

- the role of deforestation in developing countries
- the role of carbon capture and storage in mitigating climate change
- action on adaptation to climate change impacts and
- progress by Kyoto Parties in implementing their commitments

Only media representatives who have been accredited by the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat will be able to participate in the press conference. Accreditation details can be found on the unfccc website at <http://unfccc.int/press/items/2794.php>.

A recording of the press conference will be made available as video on demand on the UNFCCC website approximately one hour after the briefing has concluded.

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