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Media Advisory

Press briefing on Kyoto Protocol workshop
on “Joint Implementation” projects
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The use of improved technologies as a result of “Joint Implementation” projects under the Kyoto Protocol could be of key importance to Russia and other transition countries for reducing industrial energy consumption, whilst supporting the pace of economic growth.

Media representatives are advised that the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) and Roshydromet will convene a press briefing on the occasion of the first UNFCCC workshop on the implementation of projects under the “Joint Implementation” provisions of the Kyoto Protocol, held in Moscow from 26-27 May 2004.

Who

Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, Executive Secretary, Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)
Mr. Alexander Bedritsky, Head of Roshydromet.

When

Thursday, 27 May, from 15:00 - 16:00.

Where

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Press accreditation

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Upon arrival at the Hotel Izmailovo - Gamma-Delta, Mr. Vitaly Matsarski (UNFCCC) will provide all accredited media representatives with entry passes to Hall GZEL.

Background

The Kyoto Protocol created three flexible mechanisms to allow industrialised countries to meet part of their emission targets through economic transactions. These mechanisms have created a market for the new tradable: carbon. “Joint Implementation” is one of these mechanisms. Under Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol, an industrialised country, which has ratified the Protocol can



implement, together with another such country, projects that reduce emissions, or remove them by sinks. Such investment can, at least in part, be financed from the sale of emission reduction units (ERUs) or removal units (RMUs).

A number of countries, which have ratified the Protocol, have started getting ready for its implementation. This includes preparations for “Joint Implementation” projects. This is the first in a series of UNFCCC workshops on “Joint Implementation”. It allows 130 experts from around the world to assess actions and activities for making “Joint Implementation” work. Through these workshops, a forum will be established which discusses, how best to promote, anticipate and facilitate projects under Article 6 of the Protocol.
