



AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE

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Agenda item 4

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE

Draft report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate on its first session

Addendum

CONCLUSIONS TO ITEM 3 (C) ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT
AND ITEM 3 (D) INPUTS TO SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF
THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE

1. On the basis of a proposal from the Chairman, the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM), at its 8th meeting, on 25 August 1995, adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The Conference of the Parties (COP), which functions within the mandate and on the legal basis of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is the supreme body of the Convention. The AGBM has been established by the COP and assigned a precise and specific mandate;

(b) The Berlin Mandate provides that "the process will include in its early stages an analysis and assessment, to identify possible policies and measures for Annex I Parties which could contribute to limiting and reducing emissions by sources and protecting and enhancing sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases. This process could identify environmental and economic impacts and the results that could be achieved with regard to time horizons such as 2005, 2010, and 2020" (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1, decision 1/CP.1, para. 4);

(c) The purpose of the analysis and assessment is to assist, in an iterative manner, the negotiation of a protocol or other legal instrument. In this context, the analysis and assessment and the other elements of the Berlin Mandate process have to be well integrated in order to be mutually reinforcing;

(d) This analysis and assessment was seen as important to the successful and timely conclusion of the Berlin Mandate process. It should be comprehensive, focused on priorities, open and transparent;

(e) While the initial focus will be on analysis and assessment, the relative consideration of the elements set out in paragraph 2 (a) to 2 (f) of the Berlin Mandate will increase as the process advances. The COP, at its second session, will be an opportunity to take stock of the overall process and to intensify the efforts to adopt a protocol or other legal instrument at COP 3;

(f) Inputs from Parties constitute the basic documents for the negotiation of a protocol or other legal instrument; other inputs may inform these negotiations. Should the AGBM feel it necessary to obtain specialized inputs, including inputs from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) acting within its mandate, these should be obtained through the subsidiary bodies under the Convention, such as the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), and through the secretariat. In this context, the analysis and assessment would be able to draw on:

- the contributions of all Parties, including analysis and assessment carried out at the national level
- the national communications of Annex I Parties and related in-depth review reports
- the work of the SBSTA and any intergovernmental technical advisory panels it may establish, in accordance with its mandate and work programme and any specific requests thereto
- the work of the SBI, in accordance with its mandate and work programme and any specific requests thereto
- the work of the secretariat in carrying out its assigned tasks and in responding to requests from the AGBM
- the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC

- the work being carried out for Annex I countries by the joint project of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) on national communications relating to policies and measures for "common action", including regular progress reports from the Parties involved
- contributions received from competent intergovernmental organizations;

(g) The AGBM pointed to the wide array of currently available information relevant to the Berlin Mandate process, and to the analysis and assessment in particular. The entities responsible for such information are invited to make this information available to it to assist in the process;

(h) The AGBM requested the following inputs from the secretariat for the second session (30 October - 3 November 1995):

- (i) A compilation of submissions from Parties, in their original language(s), on the implementation of the Berlin Mandate which Parties may have transmitted to the secretariat by 8 September 1995 in response to the earlier request from the Bureau of the COP. In this context, Parties were encouraged to make such submissions to help advance the process. Further, the secretariat was requested to prepare a thematic index to facilitate the consideration of these inputs;
- (ii) The first edition of an annotated compilation of information relevant to the Berlin Mandate process. This annotated compilation would be updated for future sessions as additional information became available to the secretariat;
- (iii) Lists of issues identified by Parties, that would benefit from analysis and assessment; and
- (iv) A synthesized listing of policies and measures, also by sector, identified in the national communications of Annex I Parties.

(i) The AGBM will take decisions, at its second session, on further work, on who will undertake it and on completion dates;

(j) The AGBM decided to consider, at its third session (4 - 8 March 1996), those aspects of the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC that are relevant to its work, along with any related conclusions or advice that the SBSTA may provide;

(k) The AGBM decided to consider, at its third session (4 - 8 March 1996), those aspects of the national communications of Annex I Parties and related in-depth review reports relevant to its work, along with any related conclusions or advice that the SBSTA and the SBI may provide;

(l) The AGBM requested the SBSTA to provide, for consideration at its third session (4 - 8 March 1996), a report on innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how that could advance the implementation of the Berlin Mandate. This should be periodically updated;

(m) The AGBM decided to consider, at its fifth session (October 1996), the second compilation and synthesis of national communications from Annex I Parties which will put particular emphasis on policies and measures, and requested the SBSTA and the SBI to provide advice on the document in accordance with their mandates;

(n) Additional inputs may be identified at future sessions.

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