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EQUATORIAL GUYANA

Para. 1 - agrees with several delegations that note should be taken of IPCC wording re effects of Climate Change noted on humanity and natural eco-systems.

line 5 after "affect" (add) "natural eco-systems and humanity"

line 5 agrees with St. Lucia. after "increased" (add) "frequency and intensity of tropical storms," (add) "natural eco-systems and present and future generation of humanity"

Para. 3 - More effective if placed as para. 1

Para. 12 - agrees that in line 2 "instituted" to be deleted and (insert) "carried out and is continuing"

Para. 16 - no brackets agrees with Venezuela to (delete) "a new" in line 3 and replace by " by"

C H I L E

Para. 16 - delete brackets

amendments paras. 1 & 2 remain the same (delete) from "sin introducir.....
(will result in ??)

(add) "sin que ellos dé lugar a cualquier forma de..." (without their creating any form whatsoever of ..."

(insert) "para imponer" ("to impose")??

M I C R O N E S I A

Concern that one remains true to IPCC language

retain "substantially" and "will" in lines 2 and 3

Keep language of para. 1 Favours suggestions of SWITZERLAND GUYANA

Favours suggestions by AUSTRALIA for introduction of 2 new paras.

Para. 6 - in favour of Venezuela's suggestion re "marine research" please add.

Agrees to Venezuela's suggestion to add para. on national sinks, forests, oceans

J A P A N

Para. 16 - Unable to accept . The subject on doncitions should be taken up in appropriate forum. Delete para.

N I G E R

Para. 1 (add) in line 3 "entrainment" (add) "ont pour conséquence"

(add) "natural catastrophes such as flooding, desertification and drought"

(add) in last line "les générations actuelles et futures" = "the present and future generations"

Para. 4 - (delete) last word of last line. stop at word "climat" = "climate"

Para 15 - Question of form. Repetition. "Reconnaissant ... ces pays à même de participer..."

F I N L A N D

Para. 14 - principle on S.D. already dealt with supports U.S. proposal to combine 6, 8, 9

Para. 13 - "national, regional and global" not "or"

Para. 14 - supports proposal to insert "at this time"

Para. 15 - change "are prerequisites" to "are essential or important for"

Para. 16 - end para. with word "countries"

P E R U

Para. I include just as other delegations

Para. IX include part that refers to eco-systems

add at end "fragile and mountainous eco-systems" = "eco-sistemas frágiles y montanosos"

Para. VI - support Venezuela. Delete brackets of para. XVI supports Chile re rewording.

S A M O A

country experiencing actual effect of : Climate Change - destructive cyclones

Para. I line 3 (add) "atmosphere"

Para III (insert) "adverse" in line 4

Para IV line 2 (insert) "integration" of delete "association"

Endorses ASustralia re areas tht are arid, semi-arid, desertification

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Supports Australia . 2 new paras. needed to preamble.

Will produce fossil-fuels in 1992.

T U N I S I A-

Para. I - wording to be related to IPCC report

line 4 (delete) "susceptibles d'engenfrer les..." "susceptible to producing/
causing

Para. 4 favourable to India's proposal

Concludes section on Preamble

Section of Preamble (continued)

K I R I B A T I

supports proposals made by AUSTRALIA

A R G E N T I N A

special place or time indicated where proposals can be presented. Re principles and preamble limit to be fixed for presenting proposals.

A L G E R I A

Difficult to agree on any deadline now.

G H A N A

extend time to be fixed for submission of proposals

A R G E N T I N A

Group of 77 working on themes already known and discussed. No appearance of new material

S A U D I A R A B I A

Para. on Internl. Cooper. is now being handled by Group of 77

I N D I A

Give Group of 77 more time

I N D O N E S I A supports idea from Argentina

NEW ITEM - OBJECTIVE

N E T H E R L A N D S - insert "ultimate"

"The Parties agree that the Convention set the ultimate global objective of stabilizing greenhouse gases at a level which would prevent ..."
after "climate" delete "minimize risk" (add) "such a level should be reached within a time frame sufficient to allow eco-systems to adapt naturally to Climate Change and ensure that food production is not threatened..."

Last part of Objective re per capita level delete text between brackets

P O L A N D - Structure as follows:

OBJECTIVE/PREAMBLE/PRINCIPLES/COMMITMENTS

U. S. A.

From editorial point of view first 4 words to be deleted.
line 4 agree up to word "climate". Delete remainder of para. particularly last sentence in brackets.

M A L A Y S I A

No comments at this stage.

J A P A N

Supports first sentence . Cannot support second sentence. One reason being that different countries have different levels of growth.

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C O L O M B I A

Para. 7, line 7 after "economies" remove (.)

(add) "y en particular que no obstaculice el proceso de desarrollo de los paises en desarrollo" = "and particularly that the development process not be hindered for developing countries"

Last para. in brackets should not be included as an objective.

Remove put in session on Commitments.

A R G E N T I N A

In agreement with Brazil take out brackets, keep text of last sentence.

A U S T R I A

Agrees to first sentence as stands

line 5 (add) "adverse effects on eco-systems"

retain phrase "minimize the risks..."

second sentence to be negotiated - refers to commitments

N I G E R I A

supports India's position should be included.

(add) greenhouse gases" (delete) "carbon dioxide"

line 2 (delete) "stabilize" say "control of greenhouse gases"

S W I T Z E R L A N D

Supports inclusion of objective

Second sentence - supports notion of convergence

Sentence can be removed and placed in Commitments.

A U S T R A L I A

satisfied with Bureau's wording. Agrees with Netherlands text should be closer to language of Noordwijk declaration

retain "and within a sufficiently short time frame"

Second sentence to be deleted from Obj. section.

M E X I C O

Agrees to retain second sentence in brackets but to be placed in Principles section

supports FINLAND NIGERIA include "all greenhouse gases" (delete) "carbon dioxide"

S E N E G A L

Agrees in principal

retain risk notion - very important

agrees with India (delete brackets in second sentence, sentence well merited in Convention.

M O R O C C O

Agreeable to text. second sentence delete brackets

introduce proposal by Nigeria.

A L G E R I A

supports removal of brackets

(add) "as well as economic needs of developing countries"

C A N A D A

(add) "the long-term" to the title "THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTION" needs to reflect upon "Ultimate"

line 5 "the eco-system" delete add "eco-systems"

borrow language from Noordwijk declaration

second sentence - refrains from comment, more appropriate in other part of text - Commitments

A F G H A N I S T A N

Agrees with the Netherlands. (add) "Ultimate" in first sentence.

Objectives need to be more specific. Second sentence, supports India to retain it.

N E T H E R L A N D S

Offers to get together with China to discuss "stabilization of concentrations/emissions into the atmosphere"

S A M O A

Endorses sentiments of Nigeria

second sentence "control" instead of "stabilization"

supports Argentina/Colombia re "minimize the risks". Not adequate. Second sentence replace "carbon dioxide" with "greenhouse gases"

U. S. S. R.

Proposal for objective - Stabilization of emissions

- Stabilization of concentrations (not sufficiently objective, more specific formulation.

"control" good English term. Strive for control of concentrations in the atmosphere preventing Climate Change and adverse effects. Trans-boundary air pollution - Geneva Convention. Convention should have a flexible formulation not excluding all activities. Leave door open to other options. Use term "control".

SESSION CONCLUDED AT 5:15PM

COMMITMENTS ON SOURCES/SINKS

N E T H E R L A N D S

Notion of stabilization of CO2 emissions by the year 2000 must be reflected.

In Obligations text (delete) "shall" (add) "in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibility"

Section should be called "General commitments". Section IV.2 not necessary. Para. I (delete) "agreed methodology" insert "...a methodology to be agreed at the First Meeting of the Conference of Parties"

Para. II - delete "and"...implement (add) publish and regularly update" reference to annex "on formats for national and regional strategies" to present to WGII

last sentence (add) "interalia" after "should include"

Para. IV - somewhat long. Para. III - expand it somewhat, deal with energy

(add) para. 3a "Develop and adopt policies in all relevant sectors responsible for greenhouse gas emissions..."

safe CO2 energy emissions ...those exploiting new and renewable energy resources

para. 3c promote improved energy efficiency for motor-vehicles by setting guidelines/standards for new motor vehicles

para. 3d promote sustainable transport systems for persons and goods taking into account conditions of each country

Para 4 - Has 'sympathy' for this paragraph

Paras. 5 & 10 overlap -merge-

Paper does not cover all ideas just technical details of intervention proposal.

M A L A Y S I A

See chapter as having a balanced approach

IV.1 - para. I delete "public"

para. II, line 8 delete "status of forests and other carbon "

para. X delete "global warming" add "climate change"

Para. III - measures to limit and minimize emissions of greenhouse gases taking into account particular situation of each country by (itemized list)

Para. IV bracket the whole thing

Para. V - reformulate.

Para. VIII, line 2 add "bio-mass including agricultural crops" add "coral reefs" after "ocean"; add "inland seas and waterways" after the word "seas"

H U N G A R Y

Para. II supports thoughts of Norway

Commitments 9 & 10 not related to heading. Delete 10, reword 9 "public awareness on the need for public information..."

P H I L I P P I N E S

Restructuring of whole section on Commitments

IV.1 - Para. IV prefers alternative of WPI on pg.22 starting "...promote the protection and enhancement..."

Other items overlap (nos. 5 & 6)

Paras. 9 & 11 cover each country's attitude to Climate Change

U. S. A.

What kind of Convention are we working towards here?

- specific quantitative legally-binding convention or
- general nature framework Convention, flexible

We favour latter approach since reasonably achievable in limited time available. Emphasis should be on actions/measures.

Commitment to 1 develop assessment of current emissions

2 preparation of natural response

3 language on commitments with regard to cooperation on scientific research

4 aimed at enhancing public information and awareness

5 cooperation in area of technology and financial assistance

Last line of introductory para. (add) "and their capabilities" delete "and responsibilities"

Para. I objective to be set

Para. II key paragraph lays out way for all countries to participate in global effort. Develop annex.

Documents covering - energy and industry

- forests and agriculture

- coastal zones

- efforts undertaken with other countries to cooperate

- reference to article on reporting

Begin para. II "In accordance with Article.....and Annex ..."
"and mitigation of adverse effects of Climate Change including
all measures"

Last sentence paras. 3, 4, 5 all cover details which could be
treated in annexes.

Para. III To list measures related to promotion of ...

Para. IV too detailed. Too much emphasis on forests, need to
look at other terrestrial and non-terrestrial sinks

Para. V Important item (add) "...develop as appropriate" (add)
plan (s); procedure (s)

(add) "and water and agricultural plans". Leave out "global..."

Para. VI supports concept but belongs in modifications of para.2
insert "Taking into account other adverse social, health..."
first part not necessary.

Paras. 7 & 8 important relate to WGII - Mechanisms

Para. VII (add) "cooperating"..in research and information

Para. VIII (add) "Promote addition of scientific research" delete
"further promote". (add) "...and sources such as..."
(forests/oceans)

Para. IV some rewording needed

Para. X not particularly helpful

IV.2 material does not contribute much can be covered in Annex

I N D O N E S I A

Re title (add) "Sources, sinks and reservoirs"

Reorganization of Chap. IV.1 - General Commitments

Para. III belongs to Chap. on Emissions

Para. IV belong to Chap. on Sinks and Reservoirs

Para. II (add) "to combat adverse effects of Climate Change" in
last sentence.

Para. III Remove to Chap. on Sources

Paras. 6, 7, 9, 10 Belong under separate commitments

Para. XI move to Chap. on Stabilization and Reduction of
emissions

IV.2 paras. 1 & 2 belong to Chap. on Stabilization ...

CONCLUSION