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**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY INTERVENTION
IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN ESTRADA'S QUERY
ON POLICIES AND MEASURES (PAMs)**

Ad-Hoc Group on a Berlin Mandate (AGBM 8) -- 30 October 1997

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Delegates. My name is Clement B. Malin, and I am speaking for the international business and industry groups participating here in the UNFCCC. Yesterday, the Chairman, in his daily briefing for non-governmental organizations, asked business and industry for their views on mandated policies and measures in the protocol or other legal instrument currently under negotiation.

We support national flexibility in the selection, implementation and timing of policies and measures. No single set of policies can fit all Parties. Policies and measures should reflect the varied economic structures, resource bases and energy systems of individual Parties, as well as their economic, social and environmental circumstances and priorities.

We do not support internationally mandated, coordinated, common, or harmonized policies and measures, for example as listed in Annex A or possibly elsewhere in the draft Protocol, because they do not meet the objective of ensuring national flexibility and certainly would not contribute to an effective result.

Allowing latitude for each government to account for its national circumstances in its policies and measures to address climate change is essential, and will become more so as participation in the UNFCCC becomes increasingly global. We will then encounter a growing diversity of national circumstances. National flexibility will be crucial to involvement and implementation by both Annex-I and non-Annex I countries in the long term. National communications provide an opportunity for Parties to share, review and exchange experiences of nationally implemented policies and measures.

Business and industry appreciate this opportunity to provide input into this process, and we thank you for your attention.