

AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE
Second session

CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS
(As agreed in informal consultations)

(procedural elements to be added later)

Agenda item 3

Strengthening commitments in Article 4.2 (a) and (b)

1. In opening this item, there was general agreement that it was critical to the Berlin Mandate process, guided by the provisions of the Convention and its objective. The goal of the process is, *inter alia*, to strengthen the commitments in Article 4.2 (a) and (b) through an approach that elaborates policies and measures as well as sets quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives within specified time-frames in accordance with the Berlin Mandate.

Agenda item 3 (a)

Policies and measures

2. The AGBM began its substantive deliberations by considering the elaboration of policies and measures for Annex I Parties. In keeping with the Berlin Mandate and the conclusions of the first session, the AGBM discussed questions surrounding the analysis and assessment of policies and measures, including environmental and socio-economic costs and benefits for all Parties and results that could be achieved. The responsibilities of individual Annex I Parties to undertake and/or report on technical and analytical work was highlighted, and the need for all Parties in the AGBM to assess analytical results was also confirmed.

3. It was concluded that it would not be possible in the time available to conduct a detailed analysis and assessment of all possible policies and measures. The need to begin to narrow down, but not close off, the range of policies and measures under consideration was generally agreed. Some Parties considered the second session too early to undertake this task. Others sought to launch this effort by identifying policies and measures on which to focus or those already subject to some form of analysis and assessment, by proposing criteria to evaluate policies and measures or by suggesting vehicles and procedures to achieve that end, including additional submissions from Parties. This narrowing exercise will have to advance at the third session if the process is to remain on track to COP 3. Some Parties requested the secretariat to conduct an analysis and assessment of policies and measures on a selected sector for experience gaining.

4. A number of different approaches to the treatment of policies and measures were advanced: an annex-based approach reflecting different degrees of common actions, a sectoral and cross-sectoral approach, a technology approach, an instrument approach, a menu of options approach and mechanisms to develop these. Technology research, development and diffusion were seen as particularly important. The need to respect differing national circumstances, starting points and approaches and the other underlying considerations mentioned in paragraph 2 (a) of the Berlin Mandate was emphasized.