

A key element of the proposal are the annexes containing lists of policies and measures. The model we envisage would for the time being have three such annexes. The first would include policies and measures which all Annex I Parties agreed to adopt and include in their national programmes. The second would contain a list of policies and measures which it was agreed would benefit from early international coordination, and which should be given high priority consideration for inclusion in national programmes. The third would include policies and measures which are identified as having proven effectiveness or potential, and which should be considered for inclusion in national programmes as appropriate to national circumstances.

It is this element of the proposal, the annexes on policies and measures, which is intended in particular to give it a dynamic structure. We envisage that the annexes would be frequently, if not continually, reviewed and up-dated in the light of further analysis and assessment, technological progress, and agreements reached on the coordination of instruments in this or other international fora. We envisage further policies and measures could be added to the annexes over time, and existing ones further specified or amended.

Let me also shortly touch on another important element of our proposed structure: the quantified limitation and reduction objectives within specified timeframes. The EU has always been committed to a combined approach meaning that the protocol or other legal instrument should contain both commitments regarding policies and measures as well as quantified limitation and reduction objectives within specified timeframes. This approach is reflected in our proposed elements (a) to (c).

Other features of the proposed structure are, I hope, self-explanatory and are largely consistent with concepts and approaches already found in the Convention. They are also, as I have indicated, intended to be fully consistent with both the spirit and the letter of the Berlin Mandate.

Copies of our proposal are being circulated. We would be interested to have the comments of other Parties on it.

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