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BACKGROUND

The atmosphere component of Agenda-21 should be flexible and evolving. The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (INC) is addressing many of the issues contained in the following text. In so far as the following proposals refer to climate-related activities discussed by the INC, they should not pre-empt, duplicate or be interpreted as prejudging the INC negotiations concerning questions that may arise and be discussed there, such as general objectives and commitments, standards, conditionality, institutional arrangements and mechanisms for funding incremental costs. Negotiations on this chapter of Agenda 21, therefore, will have to take account of the state of negotiations on the framework convention on climate change.

, Similarly, the following text, in so far as it relates to combating the depletion of the ozone layer, should not pre-empt or prejudice the deliberations within the Montreal Protocol process. Negotiations of this text by the Preparatory Committee will have to take account of the status of obligations under the Montreal Protocol and its 1990 amendments.