

4. ON POSSIBLE FEATURES OF A PROTOCOL OR OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENT, MOST PARTIES WERE OF THE VIEW THAT DISCUSSION ON THE FORM OF LEGAL INSTRUMENT MUST BE GUIDED BY FURTHER PROGRESS ON NATURE OF COMMITMENTS.

5. REPORT: THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AGBM TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA FROM OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3, 1995. CANADIAN DELEGATION WAS CO-LED BY DOUG RUSSELL/ENVCAN/APPD AND PETER FAWCETT/AGE/DFAIT AND INCLUDED VARANGU/NRCAN, DREXHAGE/ENVCAN, SYLVIA MACIUNAS/JLO/DFAIT STEVEN GUILBEAULT/QUEBEC COALITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PIERRE GUIMOND/CANADIAN ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION.

6. MOST OF THE UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH COP 2 WERE PUT TO REST AT AGBM 2. URUGUAY REGRETFULLY WITHDREW ITS INVITATION TO HOST THE EVENT, APPARENTLY DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE FUNDING AND HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED COSTS. AS A RESULT, COP 2 WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA, FROM JULY 8 TO 19, 1996. COP 2 HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 1996, WHICH LIKELY MEANS THAT AGBM 4 WILL BE HELD IN THE FIRST WEEK OF COP 2 FOLLOWED BY A MINISTERIAL SESSION JULY 17,18.

7. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT STRENGTHENING COMMITMENTS OF ANNEX 1 (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION) IN ARTICLE 4.2(A) AND (B) OF THE BERLIN MANDATE, WAS CRITICAL TO THE BERLIN MANDATE PROCESS, AND THAT THE GOAL OF THE PROCESS IS TO INTER ALIA STRENGTHEN THE COMMITMENTS IN ARTICLES 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.

8. POLICIES AND MEASURES:

IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF ALL POLICIES AND MEASURES AND SO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO BEGIN TO NARROW THE RANGE OF POLICIES AND MEASURES WITHOUT CLOSING OPTIONS, AT THE THIRD SESSION OF AGBM. FURTHER, THE AGBM REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO ORGANIZE AN INFORMAL WORKSHOP FOCUSING ON POLICIES AND MEASURES AND ITS LINKS WITH EMISSION OBJECTIVES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE THIRD SESSION.

9. EARLY ON IN THE DISCUSSION OF POLICIES AND MEASURES, THE USA MADE A SLIDE PRESENTATION IN THE PLENARY MEETING. IT FOCUSED ON EMISSIONS SOURCES AND TRENDS BOTH BY MAJOR WORLD GROUPINGS AND REGIONS (E.G. OECD-ASIA AND FORMER SOVIET UNION). NOTEWORTHY FROM THE PRESENTATION WAS THAT EITS EMISSIONS WERE FORECAST TO DECLINE. MOST CONTENTIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENTATION WERE THE REFERENCES TO NON-OECD EMISSIONS FORECASTS, WHICH SHOWED A CONSIDERABLY HIGHER UPWARD TREND THAN OECD COUNTRIES. IN MANY SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTIONS, G77 MEMBERS HASTENED TO CONDEMN THE PRESENTATION AS IRRELEVANT TO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON ANNEX 1 COMMITMENTS AND NOTED IT DIVERTED ATTENTION FROM THE BERLIN MANDATE WHICH CLEARLY STATES NO NEW COMMITMENTS FOR NON-ANNEX 1 COUNTRIES. MANY NOTED THAT QUOTE HISTORY DOES NOT BEGIN IN 1984