

Member States which start from relatively low levels of energy consumption and therefore low emissions measured on a per capita or other appropriate basis, are entitled to have CO2 targets and/or strategies corresponding to their economic and social development, while improving the energy efficiency of their economic activities.

The decisions on the equitable sharing of the burden will take account of national circumstances and capabilities in sectors such as, inter alia, electric power generation, internationally oriented energy intensive industry, transportation, light industry, agriculture, households and services and of the potential for energy efficiency improvement as affected by measures already taken, the reduction of the carbon intensity of the fuel mix and considerations of convergence between Member States.

- 13. Reductions required on the basis of the outcome of the protocol negotiations will have to be achieved with a combination of national and Community policies and measures. This might require an assessment of existing Community legislation that might impede Member States' implementation of national mitigation measures. Further elaboration of common and coordinated policies and measures needs to be pursued by Member States and the Commission through the Ad Hoc Group and in the context of the elaboration by the Council dealing with relevant Community policies and measures regarding economic instruments and taxation as well as regarding energy on the demand and supply side, industry, transport and agriculture. In this connection the Council reaffirms the need for coordination and integration of work in these key areas.**
- 14. The Council notes the work done by the Ad Hoc Group on the assessment of the potential of common and coordinated policies and measures as an approach to the equitable sharing of the burden and underlines that Community and coordinated policies and measures will be essential instruments for Member States to implement their contributions to the fulfilment of the reductions emerging from the protocol negotiations.**

The Council stresses that the commitment by Member States is needed to develop and implement common and coordinated policies and measures by the Community, which are a necessary contribution to meeting the reduction objectives agreed at Kyoto, in line with the conclusions regarding the coordination and integration of Community work in the key areas mentioned and the internal burden sharing arrangements.