

THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA, THE WHOLE GROUP, MR. CHAIRMAN, WOULD LIKE TO TABLE ITS POSITION ON THE CORE ISSUE OF THESE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, THE QELROS. THE POSITION, WE FEEL, IS ACHIEVABLE, BASED ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE, REALISTIC, AND ABOVE ALL, EQUITABLE. THE POSITION REFLECTS THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION, THE URGENCY FOR ACTION.

(OUR PROPOSAL READS AS FOLLOWS: THE PROPOSAL)

AT THE START OF AGBM 7 HERE IN BONN LAST JULY, WE COMPARED THE PROCESS WE ARE ENGAGED IN TO TRAIN JOURNEY. I AM HOWEVER INFORMED THAT THERE IS NO RAIL CROSSING LINKING CONTINENTAL ASIA AND JAPAN. WE ARE THEREFORE IN A SAILING SHIP, THE M.V. KYOTO COMING IN THE SEA OF JAPAN WITH YOU AS HELMSMAN. THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA PROMISES TO BE ECONOMIC IN ITS USE OF BRACKETS AND YOU WILL NO DOUBT FIND OUR USE OF ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE HELPFUL TO SOME OF YOUR TEXT. WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE NEED TO FULFIL THE BERLIN MANDATE AND THEREFORE BRING M.V. KYOTO TO ANCHOR AT PORT, SAFELY

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE G-77 AND CHINA STAND READY, IN GOOD FAITH, LEAD BY THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THIS CONVENTION, TO START NEGOTIATIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN