Regarding the issue of NGO interventions. Canada recognizes that one intervention by each NGO constituency is not adequate. As such, there may be some scope to providing designated NGOs more interventions. However, we believe that these interventions should be limited, for example, by setting some specific fixed time during the SBSTA, SBI, AGBM and AG13 sessions' consideration of their work. This opportunity should also be provided to NGOs at COP 3.

As we move towards Kyoto, we will want to ensure that governments will have as much time as possible to represent the views of all their constituencies and citizens in these important international government negotiations.

In conclusion, the Secretariat has put a great deal of thought and preparation into the documents, there are many ideas being proposed and many questions raised.

These issues are too fundamental to the FCCC process to take quick decisions without careful consideration by the Parties. Many diverse views have been expressed today.

My delegation would like to recommend that the SBI request Parties to provide written comments after the conclusion of this session. A compiliation or summary of submissions could then be prepared, taking into account Parties comments today and the written submissions, for consideration at the next SBI meeting.