4. To take into account the cumulative effect of these criteria for the purpose of determining differentiated commitments of individual countries it is proposed to evaluate specific indicators according to each criterion by summing up their reverse values.

These or similar calculations would allow the Annex I countries to determine their individual and more flexible levels of commitments under the Convention. In such a way it would be possible to implement more efficiently the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities during the Berlin Mandate process aimed at defining commitments for the period beyond the year 2000.

5. The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities in the context of the Convention is proposed to be formulated as follows:

The common responsibility of the Parties to the Convention means common actions aimed at protection of the climate system to attain the ultimate goal of the Convention. The differentiated responsibility means individual responsibilities of the Parties to the Convention related to their commitments determined taking into account their economic capabilities and stipulated in a protocol or another legal instrument.

In our opinion, this approach, which adequately reflects the present world situation, could be used as a basis for setting quantified limitation and reduction objectives with specified time-frames.