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AGE1033-CLIMATE CHANGE AGBM 2 AND ARTICLE 13 MEETINGS, 30 OCTOBER  
- NOVEMBER 3, 1995, GENEVA: REPORTING TELEX

SUMMARY: THE SECOND SESSION OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE (AGBM), WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MORE SUBSTANTIVE DELIBERATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES RELATED TO 1) STRENGTHENING COMMITMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 4.2 (A) & (B), INCLUDING THE ELABORATION OF POLICIES AND MEASURES AND QUANTIFIED EMISSIONS LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OBJECTIVES WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME FRAMES; 2) ADVANCING CURRENT COMMITMENTS OF NON-ANNEX 1 PARTIES; AND, 3) POSSIBLE FEATURES OF A PROTOCOL OR OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENT. THERE WERE THREE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE SESSION, A) URUGUAY WITHDREW ITS OFFER TO HOST THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DUE TO THE COST AND AS A RESULT COP2 WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA JULY 8 TO 19. 1996, B) THE EU TABLED A PROPOSAL ON THE STRUCTURE OF A PROTOCOL OR OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENT AND C) THE USA MADE A PRESENTATION IN PLENARY HIGHLIGHTING PROJECTED GROWTH IN GHG EMISSIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE AGBM BUREAU, THE CHAIRMAN HELD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL COORDINATORS, BUT NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED. THE CHAIRMAN RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO DIRECT THE AGBM ALONE, AND WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE AGAIN AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE AGBM IN MARCH. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON ARTICLE 13 OF THE CONVENTION TOOK PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AGBM 2 ON OCTOBER 30-31.

2. AS IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF ALL POSSIBLE POLICIES AND MEASURES, A NEED WAS EXPRESSED TO BEGIN TO NARROW THE RANGE OF POLICIES AND MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE THIRD SESSION WHILE BEING MINDFUL NOT TO CLOSE OFF POSSIBLE FUTURE OPTIONS. CANADA SUCCEEDED IN INCLUDING IN THE CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LINKAGES BETWEEN QUANTIFIED EMISSION OBJECTIVES WITH THE ELABORATION OF POLICIES AND MEASURES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERLYING CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDED IN ARTICLE 2(A) OF THE BERLIN MANDATE, INCLUDING NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. DISCUSSIONS AROUND NON-ANNEX 1 COMMITMENTS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPRESSING A READINESS TO ADVANCE THE PREPARATION OF THEIR INITIAL COMMUNICATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE BUT STOPPING FAR SHORT OF ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPLY AN INCREASE IN THEIR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE CONVENTION. THE AGBM ALSO REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A REVIEW OF EXISTING RELEVANT CONVENTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE AGBM AT ITS FOURTH SESSION.

3. UNDER THE CANADIAN CHAIR, SIDE MEETING OF THE ANNEX 1 EXPERTS' GROUP ON THE FCCC WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, WITH DELIBERATIONS FOCUSING ON METHODOLOGIES FOR MEASURING THE EFFECTS OF POLICIES AND MEASURES AND THE REVISED FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS FOR THE PROJECT ON POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR COMMON ACTION. CANADA ALSO CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE COMMON INTEREST GROUP, INCLUDING ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION.