

10. The Council regrets the lack of firm commitments so far from other Annex X Parties. It agrees that the Community should propose that Annex X Parties, individually or jointly, in accordance with the Berlin Mandate, shall reduce emission levels for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O together (weighted total, using GWP with a 100 year time-horizon) by 15% by 2010 (reference year 1990)

It also agrees that an interim target should be set for 2005.

In the longer term, more sophisticated methods to allocate reduction targets shall be implemented, in accordance with the Berlin Mandate, eventually leading to convergence of emission levels based on appropriate indicators.

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11. The Council reaffirms its position expressed in the Council conclusions of December 1995 that commitments to limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the future Protocol will be fulfilled by the Community as a whole through action by the Community and its Member States within their respective competences .
12. It also recalls its conclusions that the equitable burden sharing among Member States with regard to the overall emission reduction objective by the Community as a whole will be discussed and agreed having regard to cost-effectiveness and the aspects included in the Berlin Mandate such as differences in starting points, approaches, economic structures and resource bases, the need to maintain strong and sustainable economic growth, available technologies and other individual circumstances, recognising that each Member State must contribute substantially to the fulfilment of the obligations in the protocol (Council conclusions December 1995).