

the U.S. resisting limits on its choice of measures.

Discussion in our JUSCANZ group is ever candid particularly with U.S., Australia, Japan and New Zealand. Now that we represent JUSCANZ on the bureau of COP 2, we will need to maintain their confidence in the Canadian delegation and ensure good relations with Switzerland with whom we competed for the seat. On possible participation by the Czech Republic in JUSCANZ, the group felt that if asked the Czech Republic could join, as long as they were not attending EU Coordination meetings.

Canada chaired a meeting of the Common Interest Group including all Annex 1 Parties to discuss National Communications, Technical Advisory Panels and the Climate Technology Initiative that engaged the Group in detailed discussion of these issues. We also chaired a meeting of the OECD / IEA Annex 1 Experts Group on common policies and measures and a meeting to generate participation in the technology exhibit at COP 2, that Canada is organizing.

We also met bilaterally with the heads of the Indian and Jordanian delegations to discuss cooperative approaches to Activities Implemented Jointly (AIJ). India though very cautious suggested that a Ministerial letter would be appropriate to start discussion on AIJ with the Indian Government. Jordan supported the proposed project on energy efficiency and asked if Canada was interested in AIJ projects in the oil and gas sectors.

Report:

COP 2 Ministerial Segment

In response to a request for views by the chairman of SBI, the Canadian intervention referred to the growing international environmental agenda and that we should be careful to ensure that ministerial participation at international meetings is effective, justified by the agenda, and care should be taken not to overuse this device. New Zealand made a similar statement. The following day the U.S. stated that it was in favour of a Ministerial, to acknowledge the Second Assessment Report of IPCC, to give Climate Change more public visibility and to re-engage Ministers on the issue. The European Union (under pressure from Germany) said that it supported a Ministerial on July 17, 18 for almost identical reasons expressed by the U.S. Subsequently all of the regional groups (except the Asian group due to opposition from OPEC countries) expressed support for a Ministerial portion at COP2 and was adopted without objection.

The agenda for the Ministerial segment of COP 2 is not clear other than to take stock and intensify the Berlin Mandate process. The AGBM chairman does not want to use all of COP 2 preparing a communique nor use all of the Ministerial segment on statements. In JUSCANZ informal discussions there has been some suggestion that Ministers could provide their views on the