

10. Recognizing that low-lying and other small island countries, countries with low-lying coastal, arid and semi-arid areas or areas liable to floods, drought and desertification, and developing countries with fragile mountain ecosystems are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (*para 13.4*),

11. Recognizing the special difficulties of those countries, especially developing countries, whose economies are particularly dependent on fossil fuel production, use and exportation, as a consequence of action taken on limiting greenhouse gas emissions (*para 15.1*),

12. This Protocol contains indicators on the limitation and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which are genuinely feasible for Parties and which are developed on the principles of the common but differentiated responsibilities of States and ecologically sustainable development (*para. 14.1*),

13. This Protocol includes mechanisms provided by the Convention without any change or replacement of the statements and principles of the Convention. Where necessary, the Protocol also permits the use of additional mechanisms, which do not contradict the Convention and facilitate implementation of the objectives of the Protocol (*para. 14.2*),

14. This Protocol takes into account, to the maximum degree, the real contribution of each Party to the implementation of its commitments under the Convention on the limitation and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere and the enhancement of their removal (*paras.14.3*).

15. Reaffirming the need for a comprehensive approach in addressing climate change, to include all relevant greenhouse gases in all economic sectors by sources and removals by sinks, mitigation as well as adaptation to climate change (*para. 16*).

16. Acknowledging the potential contribution of the elimination of subsidies, and other economic incentives, including tax incentives, to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Annex I countries, [and therefore highest priority should be given to those policies in implementing their commitments] (*paras.16.1*).

17. Recognizing that the purpose of this Protocol is to facilitate the achievement of the ultimate objective indicated in Article 2 of the Convention, by the adoption of specific new commitments by the Parties included in Annex I, and also by the implementation of voluntary measures, which could be taken by all Parties, to set quantitative emission limitation and reduction objectives, and enhance greenhouse gas sinks and reservoirs within specified time-frames beyond 2000 (*para. 17*).

18. Recognizing the need to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases and taking into account historical emissions and the specific responsibilities of the countries which have contributed to a greater extent than others to the rise in concentrations of these gases, and recognizing the specific, special and differentiated needs of the Parties, for the purpose of securing a stabilization in the concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, in such a way as to prevent anthropogenic interference with the climate system, ecosystems, economic output and the development of future generations (*para. 18*),