

- actions related to mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change and the implementation of response measures;
- review and assessment of Activities Implemented Jointly;
- guidelines on mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol, and
- further progress in preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

**Your Excellency Mr. Chancellor, Distinguished Delegates,**

We were not idle between the last and this session of the COP. A number of workshops were held and the subsidiary bodies meeting made considerable progress on issues on our agenda at their June sessions. Even more encouraging is that in my informal consultations with other Ministers. I have learned that Ministers wish to build on the momentum generated in Buenos Aires. The message I received from Ministers was clear. COP-5 has to provide, the greatest extent possible, progress on areas of convergence, clear problems of technical aspects and avoid introducing new, controversial issues while putting the whole emphasis on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

I hope we will be able to present to the Ministers and high level officials coming to Bonn next week that we have lived up to their expectations.

We all no doubt know that during this Conference we are facing a full agenda of difficult political and technical issues progress that will determine how the international community goes about minimizing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases over the critical first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Significant progress should be made here to achieve successful outcome of COP-6 Decisions to be taken at COP-6 will have to satisfy on the one hand, Annex I Parties, and trigger their ratification of the Protocol, and on the other hand to offer constructive incentives to developing countries to enhance their active participation in the process.

This Conference must build confidence in a successful outcome at The Hague by adopting important technical decisions, sending positive signals to business and industry, and engaging Ministers and other officials fully in the task of focusing and