DRAFT TEXT BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE NON-GROUP

2pm, Thursday 6 March 1997

ELEMENTS RELATED TO INSTITUTIONS, MECHANISMS AND OTHER CLAUSES

I. INTRODUCTORY ELEMENTS

A. Preamble [1]

1.   Being Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Convention),[2]

2.   Recognizing that the largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and that the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs, quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives shall be elaborated on the basis of the consequences on all greenhouse gas concentrations, temperature increase and sea-level rise, taking into account cumulative emissions and currently available scientific and economic data,

3.   Bearing in mind the ultimate objective of the Convention and any related legal instruments that the Conference of the Parties may adopt is to achieve, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, and that such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner,

4.   Having reviewed Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and having concluded that these subparagraphs are not adequate,

5.   Underlining the principles of the Convention, in particular the principle in Article 3.1 which reads as follows: "The Parties should protect the climate system for the benefit of

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[1 Titles of articles and paragraphs are included solely to assist the reader]

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