

emissions of greenhouse gases and protecting and enhancing their greenhouse gas sinks and reservoirs.<sup>4</sup>

#### Proposal 4

4. The objective of this Protocol is, in accordance with the statements of the Convention and this Protocol, to undertake in the period after 2000 future steps to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention, as fixed in its Article 2.<sup>5</sup>

#### B. Principles

5. The largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries, and the per capita emissions in developing countries are still relatively low and the share of global emissions originating in developing countries will grow to meet their social and development needs.

6. 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 gases should be taken fully into account.

7. Response to climate change should be coordinated with social and economic development in an integrated manner with a view to avoiding adverse impacts on the latter, taking into full account the legitimate economic growth and the eradication of poverty.

8. The developed country Parties should take the lead in combating climate change and the adverse effects thereof.

9. The specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and of those Parties that would have to bear a disproportionate or abnormal burden under the Protocol, should be given full consideration.

10. The Parties should cooperate to promote a supportive and open international economic system that would lead to sustainable economic growth and development in all Parties, particularly developing country Parties, thus enabling them better to address the problems of climate change. Measures taken to combat climate change, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.

11. Nothing in this instrument shall be interpreted in any manner that would prejudice the obligations and commitments of Annex I Parties under the Convention.

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<sup>4</sup> Japan

<sup>5</sup> Russian Federation