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Letter from the Heads of the Delegations of Poland and the Russian Federation to the first sessions of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies to the Chairman of the Ad hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate

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In accordance with the Decision 1/CP.1 of the COP-1 the negotiating process on the Berlin Mandate has been started. In particular, this decision recommends in paras 1(a) and 1(b) a way of implementation of this process taking into account the provisions of the Convention related to the principle of common, but differentiated responsibilities of the Parties.

It seems advisable in the practical work on a protocol to define some specific criteria. One such criterion, the level of GHG emissions per capita, in particular, is mentioned in para 1(d) of the Decision 1/CP.1. Some other criteria, such as GDP per capita or similar, have been proposed by delegations of Poland and Russia for consideration during the AGBM-1.

In accordance with the decision of AGBM - 1 (Doc. FCCC/AGBM/1995/L.1/Add.1, p.1 h(i)) the delegations of Poland and the Russian Federation are submitting the relevant proposals offering possible approaches aimed at implementation of the principle of common, but differentiated responsibilities (attached), which we propose to consider during forthcoming AGBM - 2. In addition, Poland and the Russian Federation offer the following measures, which might, in our opinion, facilitate the implementation of the Berlin Mandate.

- On the basis of the decision 6/CP.1, Annex I, Section A, para 5(c) the SBSTA should present the information and to provide the recommendations on any methodological and technical issues, necessary to develop protocols to the Convention, thus enabling the Parties to consider at the second session of the SBSTA the substance of proposed criteria;

- Further, these criteria could be considered at the third AGBM session, and relevant documents be proposed for consideration and possible adoption at the COP-2.