

PROPOSED STEPS IN THE BERLIN MANDATE PROCESS

Background

- The Berlin Mandate provides that the process it initiates will include in its early stages an analysis and assessment to identify possible policies and measures for Annex I Parties which could contribute to limiting and reducing emissions by sources and protecting and enhancing sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases.
- The Berlin Mandate also provides that the AOSIS protocol proposal along with other proposals and pertinent documents should be included for consideration in the process, and calls for strengthening the commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b), as well as reaffirming and continuing to advance the implementation of commitments in Article 4.1.
- The AG/BM's second meeting is now scheduled to take place in Geneva for one week beginning October 30, 1995. Thereafter, three one-week meetings of the AG/BM are now contemplated in 1996: March, July, and October, and presumably, there will be three meetings also in 1997 in approximately the same timeframes as in 1996.
- Much work on the analysis/assessment has already been done and simply needs to be brought forward.
- The following sketches an approach to the analysis and assessment and the overall process that will lead to the completion of the work as early as possible in 1997, with a view to adopting the results at the third session of the Conference of the Parties.

ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

- The analysis/assessment should consider the effectiveness of current approaches and suggest ways in which future approaches can be made more credible and effective in terms of achieving emissions limitations. This effort should also identify the activities undertaken by all parties in fulfillment of their obligations to advance the implementation of commitments under Article 4.1.
- The analysis/assessment should consider for Annex I and Non-Annex I Parties, as appropriate:
 - 1) Emissions trends and experience of parties to date in controlling them, including:
 - trends in historic emissions indicators (e.g., vehicle miles travelled, energy intensity, population)