

effects of their policies and measures on reducing and limiting their greenhouse gases emissions. Hence it is very useful to conduct appropriate analysis and assessment of the effectiveness of the policies and measures adopted by Annex I Parties before the year 2000, while identifying those possible policies, measures and objectives beyond the year 2000. This will not only promote the implementation of their existing commitments under the Convention, but also lay a good foundation for the identification of their further actions.

The Berlin Mandate has very clear provisions on "Analysis and Assessment". The Analysis and Assessment will apply only to the policies and measures for Annex I Parties. Any attempt at going beyond the Berlin Mandate in this process is not only unacceptable to the developing countries, but is also inconsistent with the principle that there is "the need for all Parties to cooperate in good faith" as set out in Part I paragraph 1 (g) of the Berlin Mandate. As to the duration of the Analysis and Assessment, we are for a rather flexible approach. In our view, what is most important is that the Analysis and Assessment are helpful to elaborating new commitments for Annex I Parties and providing a good starting point for the formal negotiations so as to promote reaching an agreement as soon as possible.

Full and effective participation by all Parties to the Convention will guarantee the success of the Analysis and Assessment process, thus laying a good foundation for further negotiations. Regrettably, we have noted that the Special Voluntary Fund for financing the participation by the developing country Parties is becoming so scarce that it is unable to provide financial support to majority of the developing country Parties for their participation in the AGBM process. To some extent this has severely hampered the full and effective participation by the developing country Parties. Therefore, we strongly appeal to Annex I Parties to the Convention and those international organizations in a position to do so, to make more contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund.

**III.** The process of the Berlin Mandate will inevitably deal with rights and obligations of the Parties to the Convention. In this connection, only Parties to the Convention can be parties to this process. Legally speaking, only inputs or submissions from the Parties to the Convention can constitute basic documents for AGBM's further negotiations. On the basis of these inputs