

new paragraph 26(bis)

A number of Parties reiterated their support for the draft protocol submitted by AOSIS and welcomed the outline of a possible protocol structure as presented by Spain on behalf of the European Union.

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Possible Features of a protocol or another legal instrument

25. The AGBM held preliminary discussions on this item. It identified a number of issues including institutional linkages between the Convention and a ^{of Annex I Parties} ~~new~~ legal instrument, ^{protocol or another} the role of the secretariat, reviews of commitments, reporting and review mechanisms, subsidiary bodies, the use of annexes and the need to avoid duplication and overlap and took note of a number of proposals in this regard. The secretariat was requested to examine how institutions and processes established by the Convention could be linked to a ^{protocol or another} ~~future~~ legal instrument and present a paper to the AGBM for consideration at a future session.

26. A protocol or another legal instrument should cover all greenhouse gases, their emissions by sources and removals by sinks, and all relevant sectors.

27. The AGBM requested the secretariat to prepare a review of existing relevant Conventions. The review should cover the nature of their commitments, common but differentiated responsibilities of the Parties, institutional arrangements and linkages between the conventions and their protocols, and possible regional parameters for consideration by the AGBM at its fourth session.

28. The AGBM invited Parties to make preliminary submissions to the secretariat by 15 January 1996 offering additional ideas on possible features of a protocol or another legal instrument. It requested the secretariat to compile ^{or other legal instruments} the submissions, in their original language(s). ^{all relevant}