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CANADIAN STATEMENT

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROGRESS UNDER THE PILOT PHASE

Progress report on activities implemented jointly

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

This first progress report by the Secretariat, is a good start on developing a progress report, based on fairly limited information. Although we have some minor comments on the format, we would recommend as has been done on other issues, not dealing with these here today, line by line. Canada would like to address some of the questions and issues raised in the Secretariat documents FCCC/CP/1996/14 and Add.1, in the general order in which they appear.

With respect to the suggestion that a reporting format be developed to complement the reporting framework, it appears that the progress report itself, with its attached tables, provides a good basis for a reporting format already.

Canada would not like to see significant changes to the initial reporting framework at this session, given that it was just developed and adopted at our last meeting. Given the effort we all made at that meeting to develop that document, we feel it would not be appropriate to open it up at this time.

In my delegation's view, it is important to ensure that substantive work on AIJ is included in the 1996/97 work plans of the Subsidiary Bodies, to provide the input for a comprehensive review of progress at CoP 3. Canada can endorse a continuation of the pilot phase at CoP 2, noting that the CoP 1 decision number 5 requires a further assessment at CoP 3.

The work programme put forth by the Secretariat certainly does appear extensive, however, given financial constraints, Canada would like to express some views on our priorities within the list. Reporting and methodological issue are of particular interest for Canada. We would also wish to ensure that, as a principle, the Secretariat is not undertaking duplicative work. For example, there is already a great deal of information on the Internet concerning AIJ activities and each Party with a program will likely be constructing their own home page (as some Parties have already done and as we intend to do soon in Canada).