

Canadian Intervention: Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

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Canada attaches great importance to the need for enhanced national inventory systems for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with Kyoto targets. We have always considered the revised Framework Convention guidelines for Annex 1 inventories, that should be agreed to at CoP 5, as an intermediary step towards a more comprehensive and detailed system. Canada also believes that these guidelines should be flexible, taking into account national circumstances and the need to ensure that they remain useful into the future. Canada supports the program of work proposed by the Secretariat at the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice at its 11th session.

On the issue of adjustments, there continues to be a lack of clarity on what an adjustment would be. It is Canada's view that the intent of Article 5.2 is that the scope of the adjustments should be narrow. That said, we also support the suggestion of the United States and New Zealand, among other countries, that in the eventuality an Annex B Party's inventory and/or reporting systems are found to be inadequate, a process should commence that results in the inventory being corrected or adjusted to a value that is deemed appropriate - it would be important that such a value be conservatively estimated, thereby providing the relevant Party with sufficient incentive to improve on its inventory and reporting activities in a timely manner.

Canada strong supports the development of a technical review process for ghg inventories form Annex 1 Parties and regards such a review as playing a fundamental role in any adjustment process under Article 5.2. Thank you Mr.