

**U.S. Intervention on Activities Implemented Jointly  
Third Meeting, Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice  
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Mr. Chairman,

The U.S. has been and continues to be a strong supporter of Joint Implementation (JI) and Activities Implemented Jointly (AIJ). AIJ provides the international community with an opportunity to establish an empirical basis for considering approaches to JI while at the same time promoting sustainable development through the promotion and diffusion of technologies and practices that control or reduce emissions and enhance sinks of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

For the second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 2), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has presented a Progress Report on Activities Implemented Jointly and an Addendum on the same topic to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). These documents raise a number of issues for discussion in the UNFCCC meetings surrounding COP 2. I will briefly summarize our views on each of these issues.

First Annual Report on AIJ

The U.S. recommends that the SBI and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) adopt the Progress Report and Addendum completed by the Secretariat as the first annual report on AIJ. The report is well written and covers all of the areas that we believe are essential in the annual report, namely a presentation of the work of SBSTA and SBI on AIJ in the previous year, a work plan for the upcoming year, and a synthesis of information on AIJ found in the reports from Parties.

Unified Reporting Format

The lack of a unified reporting format made it very difficult for the Secretariat to compile and compare information from Parties on AIJ for the development of the Progress Report and Addendum presented at this Conference of the Parties. All Parties reported information differently in their national reports, and most did not report information on all of the elements in the reporting framework.

The Secretariat has suggested that Parties may wish to consider adopting a unified reporting format as a complement to the reporting framework that has already been adopted by the Parties. The U.S. endorses this suggestion. We suggest that Parties be invited to submit proposals by October 1, 1996 on such a format and that the Secretariat develop a recommended format for presentation to the Parties at the fourth session of the SBSTA. In developing their comments, we suggest that Parties work from the format adopted by the Secretariat in their current Progress Report and address modifications to that format. If the Secretariat needs assistance in its effort to develop a reporting format, the U.S. is willing to provide in-kind resources to aid such development.