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**PRELIMINARY COMMENTS BY THE CHINESE DELEGATION  
ON THE PROCESS OF THE BERLIN MANDATE**

**I.** The principles and the provisions of the Convention and the "Berlin Mandate" are the legal basis for the process of the Berlin Mandate; such a process should, therefore, unfold its activities within the scope as defined by the Mandate. The process of the Berlin Mandate was attributable to, and initiated by, the implementation of the provisions of Article 4.2 (d) of the Convention (FCCC). According to the conclusions of the review referred to in Article 4.2 (d), the existing commitments of Annex I Parties in Article 4.2 (a) and (b) of the Convention are inadequate and therefore need to be strengthened. In this connection, the Berlin Mandate has provided a precise and specific task for the AGBM, namely, to elaborate for Annex I Parties policies and measures and to set quantified limitation and reduction objectives within specified time-frames for their anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol. At the same time, the Berlin Mandate also clearly states that the AGBM will not introduce any new commitments for the developing country Parties though the existing commitments in Article 4.1 are to be reaffirmed and the implementation of which are to be advanced in the context of Article 4.3, 4.5, and 4.7 of the Convention.

**II.** According to the Berlin Mandate, the process will include in its early stages an analysis and assessment to identify possible policies and measures for Annex I Parties which could contribute to limiting and reducing greenhouse gases emissions. In our view, it is essential to devote a period of time to analyzing and assessing the policies and measures which have been and will be adopted by Annex I Parties in this regard. This will be helpful to AGBM's meaningful negotiations on new commitments for Annex I Parties. We stated repeatedly at INC meetings that the full implementation of the existing commitments by Annex I Parties is the first and essential step for the Convention process. In the national communications submitted by the Annex I Parties so far, we have not seen any detailed description of the