

STATEMENT BY GERMANY
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES



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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(b) Emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation

Germany, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, thanks the secretariat for document FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.4 on emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation. The EU recalls decision 2/CP.3 through which SBSTA is urged to further elaborate on the inclusion of emissions based upon fuel sold to ships or aircraft engaged in international transport in the national greenhouse gas inventories of Parties.

The EU believes that any decision on the inclusion of emissions from international bunker fuels in the national inventories of Parties should enter into force in the second commitment period, because such a decision would require a change in the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories which shall be applied in the first commitment period pursuant to Art. 5 of the Kyoto Protocol and decision 2/CP.3. Therefore Parties should report these emissions separately from national totals in the first commitment period.

Issues related to inventories

The EU notes the difficulties of Annex I Parties in fulfilling the requirement to report the emissions from international bunker fuels separately from national totals which are listed in para. 30 of FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.4. The EU sees the need for additional guidance to Parties and welcomes that methodological issues with regard to emissions from international bunker fuels were discussed at the IPCC Expert Group Meeting on Good Practices in Inventory Preparation in Prague in April 1999. The EU urges the IPCC to publish the report of this Expert Group Meeting as soon as possible. In addition, the EU urges the secretariat to publish detailed results of the study mentioned in para. 29 of FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.4 as soon as possible, inter alia in order to make available the responses to the questionnaire sent to Parties.

Control options

With regard to control options for emissions from international bunker fuels, the EU urges ICAO and IMO to accelerate their work, whereby ICAO should address the issues raised in the IPCC Special Report on Aviation and the Global Atmosphere. In the view of the EU, the findings of the Special Report underline the need to take further action to limit or reduce emissions from international aviation, e. g. CO₂ and NO_x emissions.