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CANADIAN INTERVENTION ON QELROs

Canada would like to comment on the items raised by the Chairman in the order that they were presented. However, first we would like to indicate our broad support for the concept of flexibility, as many of our positions return to this important concept.

Canada supports multi year baselines and targets.

We support the idea of best available scientific information, hence we support the use of GWPs of 100 years as established by the IPCC. We again want to emphasize our support for a comprehensive approach -- including all gases not covered by the Montreal Protocol and sinks.

Canada supports the concept of budgets. Finally we support an effective and transparent compliance regime. At this point, we are open to exploring different mechanisms and options.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION TO CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND ON WHAT YEARS WE WANT FOR MULTI-YEAR BASELINES.

Canada would first like to describe why we support multi year or average baselines. This permits smoothing of economic and weather fluctuations. One year is an arbitrary snapshot of a country. Others already have made some adjustments to their baselines to provide for averaging in their national communications already submitted.

On the question of the years, we do not have a specific block of years yet established as the basis of the multi-year baseline.