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## CONCLUSIONS

(procedural elements to be added later)

### STRENGTHENING THE COMMITMENTS IN ARTICLE 4.2(A) AND (B) (agenda item 4)

#### 4 (a) Inputs from subsidiary bodies

1. The AGBM expressed its appreciation to the Chairmen of the SBSTA and the SBI and to the Chairman of the IPCC for their statements (summarized in FCCC/AGBM/1996/L.1). Many Parties underlined the importance of the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC as a significant input to the AGBM process and drew attention to the key conclusions highlighted by Professor Bolin. Some Parties considered it premature to draw conclusions and pointed to scientific uncertainties. In addition, some specific elements from the conclusions of the subsidiary bodies pertaining to communications from Annex I Parties, and the related emissions projections, as well as to technology inventory were also reiterated.

#### 4 (b) Policies and measures

2. The AGBM continued its analysis and assessment of possible policies and measures as provided for in paragraph 4 of decision 1/CP.1 (the Berlin Mandate). The informal workshop on this matter was considered to be useful. The AGBM expressed its appreciation to the Parties and organizations that had made presentations and to the participants for their contributions to the discussion.

3. The AGBM took note of the progress report from the Annex I Experts Group and looked forward to receiving their first detailed analyses before COP 2. It also took note of the substantive contribution received from the European Community.

4. The Berlin Mandate provides that the AGBM will elaborate policies and measures in the context of its work to strengthen the commitments contained in Article 4.2(a) and (b) through the adoption of a protocol or another legal instrument. In the context of the analysis and assessment, the AGBM considered two general orientations to the elaboration of policies and measures:

(a) Some Parties favoured a "menu approach", according to which the eventual instrument would include an agreed detailed listing (or menu) of possible policies and measures, from which Annex I Parties would be committed to select those that best suited their national circumstances. It could be accompanied by appropriate reporting procedures.

(b) Some Parties favoured an approach that would categorize policies and measures in annexes to a protocol according to the degree to which Annex I Parties would