

that promotes the evolution toward that objective. A new negotiation will certainly follow this one, and in that time frame, all countries must participate. Our proposal can put us properly on this long-term path.

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion, I would like to reiterate our strong interest in working with all Parties, in working with you, and those that you delegate to lead us in our work. We believe that this session can be enormously productive in reaching a conclusion on a shortened and abbreviated text as we move toward Kyoto.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.