

Canadian Intervention – Roster of Experts October 28, 1999

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Canada would like to thank the Secretariat for its useful suggestions and the options concerning the roster of experts.

Given the importance and nature of the review process, as it relates to inventories, and quality assurance and quality control procedures, it is important that there is a roster, or specific identification of appropriate people, for the for the review process and for inventory methodologies. Using a roster that covers a wider area, may not ensure that appropriate candidates are available for specific reports, outlined by the Secretariat. It may also be somewhat inappropriate to mix expertise, for example, expertise for forecasting with expertise in measures, as is currently the case.

Canada does not believe that the current methodology roster, covering a wide range of issues, could serve the needs of the GHG inventory review process, as identified in the conclusion of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its 10th Session and would prefer the establishment of a separate roster for the review process.

Having raised these points, we recognize that there are cost efficiency issues for the Secretariat vis-à-vis the roster. If there are technical solutions, as suggested by other parties, that facilitate the work of the secretariat and ensure that the right expertise is available for the right job, then we may be able to overcome, the challenges posed by integration.

Recognizing the value of the tool as a roster for capacity building, Canada would like the report on the use of the roster to include a breakdown of the regional representation on actual participation to ensure that a broader selection of experts are used from various regions.

Canada supports the idea of the creation of a password-protected website that would contain the complete information of each nominee and that can be updated by national focal points. Clearly, prior consent is an issue. As well, some thought must be given to determine which organizations would access to such information.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.