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on behalf of the Annex I Expert Group on the Framework Convention**

**METHODS FOR PRODUCING GHG EMISSION PROJECTIONS AND ESTIMATING EFFECTS
OF MEASURES**

Introduction

Mr Chairman, thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the group briefly. I would like to inform delegates of a project on methods for producing projections of national greenhouse gas emissions and estimating the effects of policies and measures which is being carried out by the Annex I Expert Group on the UNFCCC, with analytical support from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Aim

The aim of this project is to consider appropriate methods to project emissions and assess progress in the implementation of GHG commitments under the UNFCCC.

Analysis

Under this project, national experts will share information on the approaches they have used in preparing national communications, expanding on the information provided in national communications and in-depth reviews. Particular attention will be paid to the choice and application of appropriate methods for particular sectors and types of policy, the transparent communication of assumptions, approaches and results, and the treatment of uncertainty. The project will also include an evaluation of methods for ex-post verification of projections and effects of policies and measures. Areas will be identified where effort is needed to develop methods or build on national capacities for data gathering and analysis. The project is intended to complement work being carried out by the Convention Secretariat, this Subsidiary Body and the IPCC.

Product

The project's findings on approaches to projecting emissions and assessing the effects of policies and measures may be relevant to various aspects of the UNFCCC process:

- for preparing national communications;
- as background material to support the compilation and synthesis of national communications;
- for any future revision of guidelines for national communications; and
- as background material for in-depth reviews.

A report will be produced towards the end of 1997.

Future Reporting

The Annex I Expert Group will regularly update future sessions of the SBSTA on progress in this project.