

at the efforts that all Parties are making to deal with emissions of greenhouse gases. Only in this way can we understand how next steps by Annex I Parties will affect the global environmental problem that we face.

"In addition, it is likely that the actions taken by Annex I Parties will affect Non-Annex I countries, as has been noted by delegations from several developing Parties. For this reason as well, we cannot analyze and assess policies and measures to be taken by Annex I Parties in isolation.

"We are also aware that Non-Annex I Parties have expressed repeatedly their keen interest in matters related to technology development and diffusion. In analyzing possible policies and measures for Annex I Parties, it will be important to consider the potential for new technologies and for improved diffusion of these and existing technologies to achieve the environmental benefits that we seek. We believe -- and hope -- that all Parties will be very interested in such aspects of the analysis and assessment that our group will undertake."

The U.S. Non-Paper on the Berlin Mandate Process urged that the October AGBM meeting begin considering global emissions trends (perhaps convening a panel of experts). Unfortunately, our proposal to convene a panel of experts on this issue at the October AGBM meeting did not find its way into the conclusions of the meeting. Nevertheless, we remain convinced and believe it vital that the October AGBM meeting begin consideration of this issue.

To that end, we also request that the additional enclosed materials, which are submitted as some examples illustrating the kinds of materials that we believe should be considered with respect to global emissions trends, be included in the compilation of views submitted by Parties, together with a copy of this letter which describes our submissions. These materials include:

- A brief statement on trends in historic emissions indicators
- Two pages taken from a document entitled "Energy Use and Carbon Emissions: Some International Comparisons, March 1994" published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (Volume DOE/EPA-0579); one page deals with "Energy and Carbon Emissions in a World Context" and makes a number of important observations, although these observations are based on a definition of "developing countries" that differs from the approach