

One omission from the Secretariat's paper under Category A, "Clarification of definitions", is the consideration of the definitions of a forest, afforestation, reforestation and deforestation. These definitions are quite fundamental, and should be addressed starting at SBSTA 12 after the completion of the IPCC Special Report, with a view to taking decisions on this at COP6.

**(2) Inputs required for the IPCC to produce output relevant to effective, science-based decision making by COP6 in relation to Articles 3.3 and 3.4**

In relation to the consideration of potential additional activities under Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol, we strongly believe that there is a need for governments to put forward quantitative estimates of fluxes of carbon dioxide and other relevant greenhouse gases relating to activities they wish to have considered. Two kinds of quantitative information are needed. Business as usual, or baseline, estimates for the activities being proposed and estimates of the effects of additional human activities since 1990 are needed.

Quantitative estimates of the additional activities being considered by Governments are needed if the IPCC report is to go beyond generalities in this area. Such quantitative estimates will enable the IPCC to produce a report with a much higher degree of relevance to decisions to be made at COP6 relevant to Article 3.4. Quantitative estimates will also help ensure that the decision making on Article 3.4 is based on a sound scientific assessment rather than supposition and hearsay.

Equally it is important that Parties submit quantitative estimates of the implications of different definitions for forests, afforestation, reforestation and deforestation in relation to Article 3.3.

**(1) First sentence of paragraph 4 of Article 3**

We note that there are a variety of views on this sentence and how Parties should proceed with operationalizing it. Decisions on this sentence, including methodological decisions as well as scope and timing need to wait for the IPCC Special Report on Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry to be concluded and considered. Operationalizing this sentence should be contingent on a strong understanding of the scientific implications of different approaches to monitoring carbon fluxes in relation to the attribution and verification of additional activities which may be considered and the relationship between these activities and with Article 3.3 issues. The IPCC should be urged to ensure that full consideration is given to this sentence in relation to its consideration of Article 3.3, Article 3.4 and methodological arising from these Articles.

Thank You Mr. Chairman