

other greenhouse gases; and by providing a mechanism for the coordination of specific measures designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Draft Protocol does not impose any obligations on developing country Parties additional to those already contained in the Convention. It is designed to encourage developing country participation in the progressive development of climate change policy through the Draft Protocol's mechanism for coordination of measures, and by focusing on the need for accelerated transfers of relevant technologies to developing countries.

The Draft Protocol is intended to complement and not supplant the Convention. Much of its text is drawn from the Convention's consensus language or from the text of other widely accepted international agreements, or intergovernmental declarations. Parties to the Protocol would hope to rely upon the procedures, mechanisms, and institutional arrangements already established under the Convention. The Convention anticipates this relationship by authorizing its Conference of Parties to keep under review any related legal instrument it may adopt.

This approach is entirely consistent with the provisions of the Berlin Mandate, which aims to adopt a protocol or another legal instrument setting quantified limitation and reduction for Annex I Parties' anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, without introducing any new commitments for Parties not included in Annex I.

## **SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Draft Protocol's Preamble restates a number of elements contained in the Convention, including its Objective, and clearly emphasises that the burden of achieving this Objective rests with the developed states, that have undertaken in Article 3 of the Convention to take the lead in combating climate change.

Preambular Paragraph 4 highlights the intended focus of this Protocol by recognising the "need for developed country parties to adopt specific targets and time frames for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases to achieve the Objective of the Convention."

The final paragraph of the Preamble acknowledges the need for a long term perspective and a regime that is responsive to changing circumstances in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibility.

These same principles are reflected in the preambular and operative text of the Berlin Mandate.