

We support the proposal that the Secretariat be commissioned to prepare an annotated compilation of the available information of this nature in due time before the next meeting of the AGBM in October (as with INC Document A/AC 237/83 on the adequacy of commitments). We request all Parties involved - the national delegations, the relevant international organisations and institutions as well as the non-governmental organisations - to identify suitable material, to make it available and to continue and strengthen their current work on these matters.

We should also consider asking SBSTA and SBI relevant questions e.g. concerning further analysis and assessment as well as relevant conclusions from Annex I communications already available and reviewed.

At the same time we should all see it as our priority to intensify our national analyses and assessments already associated with the development of the national programmes under the Convention and to incorporate policies and measures as well as limitation and reduction objectives for the stated time frames after the year 2000. We need to do that homework urgently to be well prepared.

If all these options are used, analysis and assessment can go hand in hand with negotiations without any problems whatsoever in the early stages of our work and be completed rather expeditiously.

Mr Chairman,

These were the first considerations of Germany with regard to the implementation of the Berlin Mandate in this new working group.

We might well come back to individual questions, as raised in the Secretariat's document or brought forward by other delegations in the course of our meeting.