

## ANNEX

Currently, Climate Change is one of the most important issues to the Government of Japan in developing national policy.

1. In October 1990 the Government of Japan established an Action Program To Arrest Global Warming by a decision of the Council of Ministers for Global Environment Conservation.

The targets of the Action Program are as follows:

(1) The emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> should be stabilized on a per capita basis in the year 2000 and beyond at about the same level as in 1990, by steadily implementing a wide range of measures under this Action Program, as they become feasible, through the utmost efforts by both the government and private sectors.

(2) Efforts should also be made, along with the measures above, to stabilize the total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the year 2000 and beyond at about the same level as in 1990, through progress in the development of innovative technologies, etc., including those related to solar, hydrogen and other new energies as well as fixation of CO<sub>2</sub> at the pace and in the scale greater than currently predicted.

2. Japan has been promoting various measures, and strengthening policies including those which materialized according to the Action Program to Arrest Global Warming.

The following are recent development of the policies and measures on Climate Change issue in Japan.

(1) The Basic Environment Plan was decided by the Cabinet of the Government of Japan based on the Basic Environment Law in December 1994. The plan articulates policy direction on the Climate Change issue:

Ultimate objective is the same with that of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, i. e. "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system."

In the medium term, Japan will make further efforts to promote various measures in cooperation with other countries as well as to the formulation of the new international framework to arrest global warming.

For the time being, we will aim at attaining the goal of Action Program.

We will continue to promote various measures in the Program,