

CANADIAN INTERVENTION:

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND OF DECISIONS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: COMMITMENTS IN ARTICLE 4

Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Canadian delegation would like to express its strong support for the review process. We find it has been helpful in focusing domestic actions on climate change, bridging links amongst the wide range of actors in implementing the Convention, providing a transparent mechanism whereby Parties can begin to compare their unique circumstances and actions taken to address climate change, and enhancing the capacity of other Parties as they embark on the development of their national communications. Ensuring that the national communications are delivered in a timely manner is, we believe, important for the integrity of this exercise.

We would like to note that the exclusive review of Annex 1 Parties in the synthesis is driven by the fact that it is they who have submitted national communications and undergone the process of in-depth reviews. We must keep in mind that Article 4.1 refers to all Parties - hence we look forward to future reports which will take into account the actions of a wider range of Parties in fulfilling the commitments of the Convention.

Mr. Chairman, the Canadian delegation agrees that review of the Implementation of the Convention is one of the more critical exercises for the CoP 2. We would like to express our gratitude to the President of the Conference of the Parties for referring this topic to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

The synthesis report demonstrates that Parties are embarking on a wide range of measures - covering economic, regulatory and voluntary instruments - in fulfilment of their commitments in the FCCC. This shows that Parties are treating climate change as a policy issue which warrants serious, thoughtful consideration. In that respect, we note the findings of the synthesis report that Parties are particularly interested to pursue actions which are cost-effective, do not contribute to further deficits in the public purse,