

**Taking Stock and Intensifying Efforts**

Ireland, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, agrees that the requirement on the AGBM to report to COP2 be met by means of an oral report by the Chairman to COP2.

The EU notes with concern that the Berlin Mandate process is not advancing as needed to achieve its intended objective - and reiterates its willingness to continue to participate in a constructive and concrete process to finalise an ambitious protocol at COP3.

The EU urges AGBM to focus now on intensive negotiations while refocusing analysis and assessment.

The EU has expressed its belief that global average temperatures should not exceed 2°C above pre-industrial level and that therefore concentration levels lower than 550 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> should guide global limitation and reduction efforts. This means that the concentrations of all greenhouse gases should also be stabilized. This is likely to require a reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases other than CO<sub>2</sub>, in particular CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O. The EU has called for urgent action at the widest possible level and for Annex I Parties to agree to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the period after 2000 below 1990 levels. The EU has also put forward a series of papers on policies and measures in view of the development of a protocol. The EU urges other Parties to forward proposals on these matters to ensure that discussion and substantive progress take place at AGBM 5.

The EU considers that a first draft protocol should be under negotiation in the AGBM at its sixth Session. To assist the development of a draft for AGBM 6, the EU calls for the preparation by the Secretariat of a synthesis of proposals received in time for AGBM 5.