

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM
ON BEHALF OF THE
ANNEX I EXPERT GROUP
ON THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Mr. Chairman:

I am taking the floor, as the newly elected Chairman of the Annex I Expert Group, to update delegates and observers on the study the Group has undertaken on "Policies and Measures for Possible Common Action", with the support of the OECD and IEA Secretariats.

Perhaps I should remind delegates that the objective of the project on "Policies and Measures for Possible Common Action" is to provide an initial assessment of the relative potential of a range of cost-effective policies and measures for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and sink enhancement which could lend themselves to common action. The project aims to provide background analytical support to Annex I countries in preparing for the Berlin Mandate process of elaborating policies and measures, and for their national climate change strategies pre- and post-2000.

The Annex I Expert Group's full Progress Report to AGBM 4 can be found in document FCCC/AGBM/1996/Misc.1/Add.2. This report contains the executive summaries of each of the studies from the first phase of work. The progress report also includes the full list of studies that have been undertaken by the Annex I Expert Group and are nearing completion, and a list of studies that are being considered for study in the next phase of work after COP 2.

I am pleased to report that working papers are now available that describe in detail analysis of 7 of the measures studied in the first phase of work. These are studies on:

- CO₂ Emissions from Road Vehicles;
- Reforming Coal and Electricity Subsidies;
- Full Cost Pricing;
- Taxation (i.e. carbon/energy);
- Energy Efficiency Standards for Traded Products;
- Financing Energy Efficiency in Countries with Economies in Transition;
- Agriculture/Forestry: Identification of Options for Net GHG Reduction.

Some copies of these studies are available at the back of the room for initial viewing. Order forms for these studies are also available at the back of the room.