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PREPARATION OF A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Elements relating to mechanisms

Terms for possible Definition/Clarification

Note by the Co-Chairmen of Working Group II

1. Further to our covering note to document A/AC.237/Misc.8, throughout the discussions in Working Group II at this session, we have maintained the attached "running list" of terms which might require clarification or formal definition. We have not attempted to be exhaustive. In developing our list, we have drawn on not only the deliberations of Working Group II but also on the written submissions to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee from various delegations which touched on definitions, e.g., A/AC.237/Misc.1/Add.1 and Misc.1/Add.3 (which were compiled in A/AC.237/Misc.5/Add.3).

2. We expect that subsequent discussion in Working Group I will add terms to the list. Our list is presented in alphabetical order and should be seen as non-exclusive. Some terms may ultimately be part of the definitions section of the Convention. Others may simply require greater clarification in order that all delegations are working from a common understanding as to their meaning. Based on the discussion to date in Working Group II, however, we hope that the attached list helps clarify our own thinking of what should, and should not, be included eventually in the definitions section of a Climate Change Convention.

Elements For Possible Definition/Clarification

Accredited non-governmental organization
Adverse consequences/effects/impacts of climate change
Aerosols
Best available/applicable technologies
Clearing house
Climate
Climate change
Climate system (global or regional)
Commercial and/or business
Countries with economies in transition
Countries with low lying coastal areas
Deforestation/reforestation/afforestation
Developing countries
Developed countries
Economic/market instruments
Endogenous/indigenous capacity building
Energy efficiency/conservation/intensity
Environmentally sound (and safe) technology
Greenhouse gases
(Greenhouse gases and their) precursors
Least developed countries
Net emissions and/or emissions
Party
Parties present and voting
Protocols
Regional economic integration organization
Renewable energy

Reservoirs

Secretariat

Scientific assessment/research

Sinks

Small island developing states/countries

Sources

Technological and/or technical