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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE
ON THE WORK OF ITS EIGHTH SESSION, BONN, 22-31 OCTOBER 1997**

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at its eighth session
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¹ The annexes will be included in the final version of the report to be issued under the symbol FCCC/AGBM/1997/8

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eighth session of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (hereinafter referred to as "the AGBM") was held at the Beethovenhalle, Bonn, from 22 to 31 October 1997.
2. The Chairman of the AGBM, Ambassador Raúl Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina), opened the session on 22 October. He reminded delegations that only ten days now remained for the AGBM to complete its work. All necessary analyses had been carried out and almost all proposals presented, although the AGBM was still awaiting a proposal from one key Party. What was needed now was a strong dose of political will to negotiate commitments. That political will, he observed, was not obvious everywhere. On the part of non-Annex I Parties, the Chairman noted that the President of Argentina, in a joint statement with the President of the United States of America, had declared Argentina's willingness to advance the process. Non-Annex I Parties had done a great deal in recent years to reduce subsidies, to adopt market policies and to reduce the rate of increase in emissions. Hence, he noted, it was not easy to understand statements which overlooked the real contributions made by developing countries. He concluded by noting that the aim of the session was, for all Parties, to go beyond their well-known positions. They had to find answers to the remaining differences.
3. The Executive Secretary endorsed the need for urgency, noting that the Kyoto deadline had begun to take effect. With the issue high on the agendas of national leaders, the international community could look forward to a result at Kyoto. No effort should be spared to ratchet that result up to the highest feasible level. Equity, however, should remain central to the Kyoto result. Climate change would weigh most heavily on the poor and vulnerable communities that were least able to adapt. He questioned whether, without deliberate measures to stimulate the transfer of climate-friendly technologies, such technologies would be available to developing countries. Such concerns added weight to arguments for developed country Parties to the Convention to take a decisive lead at Kyoto in abandoning "business-as-usual" and motivating economic actors to shift their activities to climate-friendly paths. A strong, clear and verifiable signal from Kyoto would be the best foundation for that global co-operative strategy without which the objective of the Convention would remain a mirage.
4. Statements were made by representatives of 9 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, two speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, and one speaking on behalf of the African Group.
5. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 22 October, statements were made on behalf of environmental and business/industry non-governmental organizations and by an organization representing local governments.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

6. At its 1st meeting, on 22 October, the AGBM considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/6, and adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
3. Completion of a protocol or another legal instrument.
4. Report to the third session of the Conference of the Parties and related matters.
5. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

7. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 22 October, the Chairman recalled that services would be available for two parallel meetings, with interpretation, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

8. The Chairman emphasized that the aim of the session was to complete negotiations, based on the consolidated negotiating text (FCCC/AGBM/1997/7), in order to present a draft protocol or another legal instrument to the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). To that end, the AGBM agreed to the Chairman's proposal to convene informal consultations under agenda item 3, as follows:

- (a) Quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives (QELROs), chaired by Mr. Luiz Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil), and by Ambassador Bo Kjellén (Sweden);
- (b) Policies and measures, chaired by Mr. Bakary Kante (Senegal);
- (c) Continuing to advance the implementation of existing commitments in Article 4.1, chaired by Mr. Evans King (Trinidad and Tobago); and

(d) Elements related to institutions and mechanisms, chaired by Mr. Takao Shibata (Japan).

9. The Chairman proposed that the informal consultation groups should consider the articles of the consolidated negotiating text as follows:

(a) QELROs (1) (chaired by Mr. Meira Filho): Articles 3 (except as below), 4, 7, 10 and 11, Annexes B and C, and Attachment 1;

(b) QELROs (2) (chaired by Mr. Kjellén): Articles 3.4, 3.13, 3.14, 5, 6, 8 and 9;

(c) Policies and measures: Article 2 and Annex A;

(d) Continuing to advance the implementation of existing commitments in Article 4.1 of the Convention: Articles 12 and 13; and

(e) Elements related to institutions and mechanisms: Preamble and Articles 1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

10. At the same meeting, the AGBM was informed that applications for observer status from three intergovernmental and 21 non-governmental organizations had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and in accordance with the procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations (see document FCCC/SB/1997/INF.4). The AGBM agreed to admit these organizations as observers on a provisional basis, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its third session.

C. Attendance

[to be completed]

D. Documentation

11. The documents before the AGBM at its eighth session are listed in annex _ below.

III. COMPLETION OF A PROTOCOL OR ANOTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENT

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

12. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 October, the AGBM took stock of the work of the informal consultation groups. Statements on the progress of the work of the groups were made by Mr. Kjellén (speaking on the work of both informal consultation groups on QELROs), Mr. Kante, and Mr. King.

The Chairman of the AGBM delivered a report on the progress of the informal consultation group on elements related to institutions and mechanisms on behalf of Mr. Shibata.

13. Statements were made by representatives of 7 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

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2. Conclusions

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**IV. REPORT TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND RELATED MATTERS**
(Agenda item 4)

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V. REPORT ON THE SESSION
(Agenda item 5)

14. At its ... meeting, on ... October, the AGBM considered the draft report on the work of its eighth session (FCCC/AGBM/1997/L.1).

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15. At the same meeting the Chairman, after thanking all participants for their co-operation throughout the meeting, declared the eighth session of the AGBM closed.
