Clear evidence of global warming

Much negotiating energy over the past few days has been devoted to the vital issue of establishing deeper second commitment period emissions reduction obligations for Annex 1 parties, triggered by Article 3.9 of the Kyoto Protocol. But this is only one of several important building blocks of a credible post-2012 package. This next phase of the Protocol must produce the actions needed to significantly reduce the health, environmental, economic and security risks posed by climate change. It must also advance the goals of sustainable economic development and poverty reduction.

Developing countries have a vested interest in rapid progress under the Protocol, as climate change is compounding the challenges they already face, including food and water security, disease, poverty and environmental degradation. They also have a strong interest in the contribution and expansion of the CDM, whose fate is tied to that of the Kyoto Protocol.

In the major decision to be adopted by Protocol Parties at the conclusion of these negotiations, a robust process should be launched to address a range of issues, including:

- Developing deeper emissions reduction commitments for the second commitment period for Annex 1 Parties;
- Preparing for the review of the Protocol required at COP/MOP 2 by Article 9.2 of the Protocol;
- Significantly scaling up the Clean Development Mechanism for the post-2012 period; ensuring it contributes to sustainable development goals and improves the geographical distribution of its benefits;
- Developing a large scale, reliable source of funding for developing country adaptation costs linked to the operation of the flexible mechanisms;
- Providing incentives to stimulate adoption of sustainable development policies and measures; and

Draft Decision on Article 3.9

ECO has reviewed with great interest the constructive submissions from the G-77 & China, the European Union and Japan on Article 3.9. In the spirit of transparency and innovation which characterises this Montreal conference, we humbly offer our own suggested text, which combines elements from each of these submissions together with some ideas of our own. ECO requests that this submission be given the same status as that of any other non-Party to the Kyoto Protocol.

Draft Decision on Article 3.9 of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties at its first session;

In pursuit of the ultimate objective of the Convention as stated in its Article 2;

Recalling the provisions of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

Being guided by Article 3 of the Convention;

Noting that the Annex 1 countries that are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol are firmly committed to their emissions limitation and reduction commitments and are making strong efforts to that end;

Recalling Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol that each Party included in Annex 1 shall, by 2005, have made demonstrable progress in achieving its commitments under the Protocol;

Acknowledging that Parties need to do more to meet the ultimate objective of the Convention as stated in its Article 2 and Recognising that developed country Parties

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Global Climate Change Regime

Climate Action Network (CAN) International is hosting a side event today on The Past, Present and Future of the Global Climate Change Regime. It will be held at the Kazan River room from 15:30 to 17:30. Five speakers will explore the current state of the international regime on climate change and report on implementation in key regions of the world. They will also present a proposal for a viable future framework to prevent dangerous climate change. The schedule is as follows:

- Preventing dangerous climate change by Lars Freiberg, CAN-Europe;
- Future framework paper of CAN by Richard Worthington, South Africa-CAN;
- Options for decarbonisation by Rob Bradley, World Resource Institute;
- Adaptation track by Nasimul Haque, Sustainable Development Resource Centre;
- What About the US by Gary Cook, CAN-US.

“Fossil of the Day” Award

Japan, which received its first fossil on Thursday, followed through by winning the first-place fossil award yesterday for a proposal in the LULUCF (sinks)* contact group. It proposed a minimum standard by which all countries would automatically comply. Host nation Canada came in second place for opposing, during the SBSTA discussion on the Five-year Work Programme for Adaptation, the recognition of the Mauritius strategy.

Public Rally for the Climate

The Global March for Our Climate rally with the theme Time is Running Out will start at 12:00 today. COP11 participants can join the rally at Dorchester Square (Peel and Rene-Levesque) or at the exit of Papineau metro station.

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