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Reducing disparities through contraction and convergence

"In order to allocate responsibility for emission reduction, numerous theories have been suggested, ranging from the simple 'total emissions' estimates to the much more complex 'contraction and convergence' estimates that seek to quantify a country's responsibility at a 'fair' level by which emissions should be reduced. The framework of contraction and convergence provides a flexible methodology to address the problem of allocation of emission rights. The contraction of overall world emissions pursued along with the convergence of countries' average per capita emissions, allows

developing countries to partake of the carbon budget. This is achieved while both the developed and the developing countries put in place mechanisms to minimize growth in overall emissions, the developed countries taking into account the developing countries need to exceed their current emission levels in the pursuit of economic growth.

The per capita entitlements approach is an effective one in that it takes into account historical responsibility and is based on the egalitarian distribution of the commons, within which international justice positions of causal responsibility such as the 'polluter pays principle,' come in (Vivekanandan, et al. 2008). This is significant because historical emissions amount to about 1100 tonnes of CO2 per capita for the US and the UK, while the People's Republic of China's stand at 66 tonnes per capita and India's at 23 tonnes per capita. Currently, the per capita emissions figures for the US, the People's Republic of China, and India stand at 20 tonnes, 6 tonnes, and 1 tonne respectively.

Post 2012, a multi-track framework that takes into account historical responsibility, equity implications, and future emissions would address some of the more critical issues in building a consensus on 'common but differentiated' responsibilities of countries, and enable action by countries at all levels of development, if not in the form of quantitative reduction targets, then by policy-based commitments. This would involve more stringent reduction responsibilities and clear quantitative targets for Annex-I countries, and more sector-specific policy-based initiatives in other countries, including the fastgrowing emerging economies. Over time, this flexible mechanism could be made more stringent for developing countries as they reach a certain level of development. This would enable developing countries to participate in the emissions reduction process while also pursuing low-carbon economic growth." **Ursula Schäefer-Preuss** is Vice-President of ADB (Asian Development Bank) for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development. She assumed office in November 2006. She is responsible for ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Economics, and Research Department, and the Office of Cofinancing Operations. Prior to joining ADB, she was the Director-General of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Bonn/Berlin, Germany. She was responsible for the development policy framework for various countries and regions. She was also engaged in bilateral cooperation with countries in Asia, Latin America, and Europe. Previously, she was Chief of Cabinet of the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development from November 1998 to 2000.

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Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is the President of the Philippines and holds many records. Elected as Senator during her first try in politics in 1992, she was re-elected Senator in 1995 with nearly 16 million votes, the highest number of votes in Philippine history at that time. She was elected Vice President of the Philippines in 1998 with almost 13 million votes, the largest mandate in the history of presidential or vice presidential elections. She was sworn in as the 14th President of the Philippines on 20 January 2001 by Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. after the Supreme Court unanimously declared the position of President vacant, the second woman to be swept into the presidency by a peaceful People Power revolution (EDSA II). In 2004 she won the Presidential elections for a fresh mandate, winning with one million votes over her closest opponent. The President is the daughter of the late President and Mrs. Diosdado Macapagal, who were well known for their integrity and simple but dignified lifestyle. During the Presidency of Diosdado Macapagal, The Philippines was second only to Japan in economic progress in Asia. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, born on 5 April 1947, was valedictorian of her high school class at Assumption Convent, was consistently on the Dean's List in Georgetown University in Washington DC, and graduated magna cum laude at Assumption College in Makati. She obtained a Master's degree in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University and a doctorate degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines. Macapagal-Arroyo joined the Philippine government in 1986 as Undersecretary of Trade and Industry. During her tenure in the Senate, she authored 55 laws on economic and social reform and was named outstanding Senator several times. When she was elected Vice President, she was appointed as concurrent secretary of Social Welfare and Development, a post she held until her resignation from the cabinet on 12 October 2000. Her immediate family, namely the First Gentleman, Atty. Jose Miguel Tuason Arroyo (a grandson of the late Senator Jose Arroyo of Iloilo), her three children, Congressman Juan Miguel (Mikey), Evangelina Lourdes (Luli), and Diosdado Ignacio (Dato), and three granddaughters, proudly support the family's presidential matriarch, as she pursues her mandate and leads the Filipino nation.

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3. Mitigation commitments by developed countries:

The EU is of the view that developed countries should continue to take the lead by committing to collectively reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases by 30% by 2020 compared to 1990. They should do so also with a view to collectively reducing their emissions by 60 - 80% by 2050 compared to 1990.

What should be the criteria for allocating emission reduction efforts among developed countries, considering also the need to ensure the "comparability of efforts" as agreed in Bali?

Per capita 'Contraction and Convergence' to the same fossil-carbon emissions. This should be related to targets for: Zero net-carbon housing (insulation, biomass heating, passive-solar construction, microgeneration of solar heat and solar (plus wind) grid connected electricity, efficient appliances) as promoted by pricing mechanisms, building regulations, rating charges, grants, etc.

Zero net and low-carbon buildings generally, including government buildings Combined heat and power (CHP) and district heating Renewable electricity Nuclear electricity Renewable fuels (wastes included, with emphasis on agricultural, food and construction wastes) yet realising overlap with food production Fuel efficient vehicles, especially cars (aim for 2 litre per 100 km), plus use of electric vehicles and biofuels Radically changed transport and traffic regulations (including keeping to speed limits) Increased and more efficient rail transport Radically less air travel More local resources (less transport) Sustainable agriculture.

4. Mitigation actions by developing countries:

The EU recognises the need for enhanced contribution by developing countries, whereby economically more advanced developing countries contribute adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities.

What type of mitigation actions should developing countries undertake?

Developing countries should also seek to accept 'Contraction and Convergence' as detailed in response to question 3.