

## Ask Department of Climate Change to urge UNFCCC for new urgent abatement action

A draft citizen's letter to a country's Minister or Department of Climate Change asking that country to urge the UNFCCC/COP to take new, urgent actions to avoid dangerous climate

I wish to formally suggest that the Minister and/or the Department of Climate Change urge the UNFCCC/COP to establish a group to step beyond current COP incremental processes. COP would commission a group, acting like management consultants, to quickly provide an assessment of policy options to avoid dangerous climate change. Essentially, it would advise on options to share the carbon space. Such an assessment would be along the lines of Chapter 9 in the Australian Government report, "*Garnaut Climate Change Review*", 2008 (attached). The 'urgent abatement management team' could suggest options for COP to consider. COP would choose or amend one, then commission its implementation to a clear plan and timetable.

It is clear that unless COP rocket boosts its progress, it is doomed to failure. The current processes will not provide measures soon enough to avoid dangerous climate change.

To get around the current, slow incremental approach, COP 18 could commission an 'urgent abatement management team' to provide detailed analyses of options. The COP might initiate this with the following suggested agreements:

*The Conference of the Parties;*

*Noting with grave concern that [“ . . .” similar to or same as Durban agreement]*

1. *Agrees* that the global carbon budget from 2000 to end 2049 should be 1,500 Gt CO<sub>2e</sub>
2. *Notes* the arguments for '*historical responsibility*'<sup>[i]</sup> and *agrees* this issue be left for consideration once longterm processes are established to reduce current emissions
3. *Agrees* that contraction and convergence is the most suitable means to allocate emission entitlements and tradeable permits and
4. *Decides to commission* expert consultants (called eg, Urgent Abatement Management Team) to manage the task, which is;
  - *to provide* abatement models by Jun 2013 for COP and then the COP
5. *Agrees* on a model for development which is to be implemented by start 2016
6. *Commissions* the Urgent Abatement Management Team (UAMT)
  - *to advise* on a convergence date (when all per capita entitlements are equal)

7. *Notes* that the measurement and reporting of GHGs can be a challenge technically and financially for countries with small wealth and technical development. CO<sub>2</sub> reported by CDIAC is reliable. Estimates of LULUCF emissions & sinks are complex and imprecise.
8. Accordingly *commissions* the UAMT
  - *to advise* whether different countries could have different responsibilities of reporting and rights to entitlements, thence consider possible country groups having different levels of involvement in emissions monitoring, reporting, entitlements and trade. COP notes the potential for different kinds of tradeable permits depending on a country's category.
9. *Commissions* the Urgent Abatement Management Team (UAMT)
  - *to advise* on Border Adjustment Measures (BAMs) and possible agreements under GATT to allow for BAMs where some countries decline to commit to the global model to reduce emissions in a measured and allocated way.

Such a team would need to have a range of international members. You may care to suggest some suitable experts from our country.

I do hope the Minister or Department will encourage the UNFCCC to take extra efforts along the lines indicated. Our promotion of an additional, new process could save the current process from shameful failure. Our country's negotiators should strive for agreement to strong new action before and at COP 18.

For your information, I may also suggest this action to [name of NGO], which is a 'recognized observer' at COP.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Winkler H et al, BASIC experts, 3 Dec 2011, Equitable access to sustainable development", BASIC expert group: Beijing, Brasilia, Cape Town & Mumbai