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Joke Waller Hunter
UNFCCC Executive Secretary
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“We wrote to Mr Blair saying this framework-based market is Contraction and Convergence.”

C&C is global, long-term, effective and importantly - equitable.

From the outset developing countries have a guarantee of equitable allocations and assurance as to when this would happen.”

TEARFUND
“The UK Government should commit itself to “Contraction and Convergence” as the framework within which future international agreements to tackle climate change are negotiated; and it should actively seek to engage support for this position in advance of the next Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

We do not see any credible alternative and none was suggested during our enquiry.”

UK House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee
April 2005
C&C BILL before the UK Parliament

“To make provision for the adoption of a policy of combating climate change in accordance with the principles of . . . “Contraction and Convergence” and for connected purposes.”

Chairman All-Party Group
Climate Change
Colin Challen MP
“. . . . preconditions for a successful future [global climate] framework

Define aim & timescale: i.e. a target to stabilize GHG concentrations at a safe (economically affordable) level by a specific date.

Global participation through national targets, consistent with the global limit.

Financial mechanism to generate resources for technology development & transfer.

DFID Submission to the Government “STERN REVIEW” on climate economics.
This government and the Conservatives both speak of a need to ‘search for’ a new framework to control emissions after Kyoto & 2012.

There is no need to look very far. There is a framework in place which has the support of the European Parliament, and of many other countries.

It is called “Contraction and Convergence”. Liberal Democrats have supported it since 2001.

Sir Menzies Campbell
Leader of the UK Liberal Democrat Party
“Conference recognises the urgent need for action to mitigate climate change given the potentially disastrous consequences for the planet.

We pledge to achieve a low carbon emitting society and commit the SNP to supporting the adoption of the internationally-recognised principle of “Contraction and Convergence”.

Alex Salmond
Leader
Scottish National Party
“I urge the UK Government to provide leadership on climate change by committing itself to

**Contraction and Convergence**

as the framework within which future international agreements to tackle climate change are negotiated.

*I confirm that the party also supports this pledge.*

Simon Thomas
Policy Director
Plaid Cymru
“The Government should press for a future global climate agreement based on the “Contraction and Convergence” approach combined with the international framework within which future international agreements to tackle climate change are negotiated.

These offer the best long-term prospect of securing equity, economy and international consensus.”

Royal Commission
Environmental Pollution
“The WBGU recommends emissions rights be allocated according to the “Contraction and Convergence” approach.”

German Advisory Council on Global Change
“I support the concept of “Contraction & Convergence” as does the Environment Agency.”

Sir John Harman
Environment Agency
“The solution to climate change requires a globally equitable model of emissions reductions.

The Contraction and Convergence model calls for already large polluting countries to cut their emissions, while newly industrialising countries increase theirs, up to the point that we converge at a sustainable level.

That, I hope, will be the ethos that will guide cities around the world.”

Ken Livingstone
Mayor of London
“An approach receiving significant attention is Contraction and Convergence.

C&C is a science-based global framework whereby total emissions are reduced to meet a specific agreed target and the per capita shares of the industrialised and the developing countries converge with the rate and magnitude of C&C being agreed at the UNFCCC negotiating process.

It applies the principles of precaution and equity; identified as important in the UNFCCC but not defined.”
“Policy-makers should reach consensus on a global framework for climate stability based on principles of precaution and equity such as Contraction and Convergence.”

UNEP Financial Initiative
“The global framework develops so that CO2 concentration in the atmosphere is held at or below 400 ppmv.

This long-term climate objective is met by ensuring that short-term targets are linked to and consistent with it, with a gradual transition towards a system of equal per capita rights to use the absorptive capacity of the atmosphere.”

Stephen Byers MP
International Climate Task Force
“The Byers report refers to a new basis of equity and common, but differentiated, responsibilities.

We need environmental equity with a cap and trade programme.

*Contraction and Convergence* is the name that we must give to it. We must link that battle with the battle against poverty.

Colin Challen MP
Chair All-Party Group
“A fair distribution establishing the concept of equal per capita rights for all countries as proposed in *Contraction and Convergence*.”

David Hallman  
World Council of Churches
“Business and government cannot solve the problem alone. Solutions must be global and participation of all major emitters is essential.

Companies cannot determine the scale of needed investment without a stabilization threshold for greenhouse gas concentrations.

The short-term “patchwork” of the Kyoto Protocol is not cost-effective. A global long term, market-based policy framework in a new partnership with China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico is needed.

Emissions rights with common metrics that can be adjusted over time to reflect evolving developments will ensure that a truly global solution to the problem is achieved.”

G8 Roundtable of Business Leaders
1. ABB, Fred Kindle, CEO
2. Alcan, Travis Engen, President and CEO
3. BP, John Browne, Group Chief Executive
4. British Airways, Martin Broughton, Chairman
5. BT, Ben Verwaayen, CEO
6. Cinergy, James E. Rogers, Chairman, President & CEO
7. Cisco, Robert Lloyd, President, Operations, Europe, Middle East, Africa
8. Deloitte, John Connolly, CEO, UK and Global Managing Director, Deloitte, Touche Tohmatsu
9. Deutsche Bank, Tessen von Heydebreck, Member of the Board of Managing Directors
10. E.ON, Burckhard Bergmann, Chairman of the Executive Board and Member of the Board
11. EADS, François Auque, Head of Space Division
12. EdF, Pierre Gadonneix, Chairman and CEO
13. Eskom, Reuel J. Khoza, Non-Executive Chairman
14. Ford, William Clay Ford, Chairman and CEO
15. HP, Mark Hurd, President and CEO
16. HSBC, Sir John Bond, Group Chairman
17. RAO UESR, Anatoly B. Chubais, CEO
18. Rio Tinto, Paul Skinner, Chairman
19. Siemens, Klaus Kleinfeld, President and CEO
20. Swiss Re, Jacques Aigrain, Deputy CEO
21. Toyota, Katsuhiro Nakagawa, Vice Chairman
22. Vattenfall, Lars G. Josefsson, President and CEO
23. Volkswagen, Bernd Pischetsrieder, Chairman of the Board of Management
Contraction & Convergence

“C&C helps greatly.

It is inclusive and makes clear what needs to be achieved.

Without such a shared model - there will not be the necessary relationships that create the new and exciting possibilities, and the trust for shared action.”

Chris Mottershead
Distinguished Advisor, Energy and Environment, British Petroleum plc
To The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP

13 07 2005

Dear Prime Minister

**Contraction & Convergence Framework**

“. . . . we highlight the point made by the Corporate Leaders . . .
tackling climate change will impose some upfront costs. These can be
minimised with the right framework in place.

*Contraction & Convergence* accepted by the UN and - amongst others -
the RCEP, could well provide a fair structure for the engagement of all
nations . . . . “

Yours sincerely

Colin Clinton Pres. Institution of Civil Engineers
Donald Leeper Pres. Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers
‘Aspirational’ Long-Term Goal

“Some articulate quantified long-term climate goals, the EU . . . California . . . BP supporting stabilizing concentrations at 500-550 ppm.

Such “aspirational” goals drive the efforts of those adopting them and signal the urgency and scale of the challenge.

Over time . . . these goals may well coalesce into a more concrete common view of the long-term objective that can guide the international effort.

However, the scientific uncertainties and inherent political stakes are too great to allow formal agreement on a quantified long-term target at this time, particularly one intended as a basis for future commitments.”
Global warming: the ‘tipping point’

Special investigation reveals that critical rise in world temperatures is now unavoidable

- Scientists believe a 2°C rise in global temperatures is inevitable after calculating the current level of greenhouse gases. That is the level which will spark catastrophic environmental changes, including the loss of 10% of the Arctic land.
- It will mean polar bears are wiped out in their Arctic homeland. The only place they can be seen is in a zoo.
- The ice sheet covering about 10% of the surface of Greenland is in irreversible retreat.
- The end of the current heating cycle is caused by the disappearance of polar and halophiles.
- Insect-borne diseases, such as malaria, which claims 1.5 million lives each year, increase, spreading from sub-Saharan Africa to southeastern Europe.
- Crop yields in Africa drop 10% per year. Yields fall for the first time since the Agricultural Revolution in Europe, the US and Russia.
- 40% per cent of South Africa’s unique collection of wild flowers disappear.
- Polar colonies on the Scottish coast almost extinct.
- South-east England suffers permanent water shortages. Waters in London are up to 1.5°C warmer and summers 1°C hotter.
- Few Alpine skiers have come below 3,000m.
- Melt water from melting glaciers causes devastating floods in the Himalayas.
- Up to 50% of wetlands on the Mediterranean coast disappear. Half the Baltic wetlands have gone.
- Three billion people have no readily supply of clean water, in particular in Asia and the Far East.
- 500 million more people at risk from hunger as drought increases in Africa and Asia.
- 97 per cent of coral reefs have been killed.
- Half of Australia’s Kakadu national park has disappeared.

How the world will look when temperatures rise by 2 degrees

FULL STORY, PAGE 2
“A rational, brilliant and simple means of reaching a just global agreement on emission reductions is called . . .

**Contraction and Convergence**

*First proposed by the Global Commons Institute (GCI) in 1990, recognition of its unique qualities as a framework for combating climate change has grown at an astonishing rate since that date.***

**Mayer Hillman**

*Hero and Veteran of the War on Error*
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“... to forestall further damages, deeper cuts in GHG emissions than as presently contained in the Kyoto Protocol are urgently required and these must be organised as universal equal entitlements as engraved in the principles of the Contraction and Convergence Framework.

KENYA GOVERNMENT - COP-11 Dec 2005
“C&C is better than begging.

Aid is dehumanising and humiliating while C&C gives independence in choice of urgent development priorities.

Without this, Africa’s development aspirations are compromised, Millennium Development Goals remain unmet, NEPAD objectives will be compromised . . . . prospects for global security and sustainability will decline.

KENYA GOVERNMENT - COP-11 Dec 2006
“We must urgently involve the African Union in climate change negotiations since related disasters are beyond individual African governments; sub-regional Economic Groupings must engage as a matter of priority; we must recognize Climate Change and Post-Kyoto negotiations are environmental but also mainly economic and political with serious implications and ramifications for Africa.”

KENYA GOVERNMENT - COP-11 Dec 2006
“The Rhino of damage from climate change is charging . . . Coming from Africa, I would only like to ask: -

For how much longer should Africa suffer from the impacts of Climate Change at the hands of others?

Would any body care if Africa dropped from the globe?”

KENYA GOVERNMENT - COP-11 Dec 2006
“We support the amendment proposed by the distinguished delegation from India and, to emphasise issues that still need clarification, we propose the inclusion, after “entitlements” - that is the proposal by the delegation of India the following wording: -

“entitlements, the global ceiling date and time for Contraction & Convergence of global emissions because we think you cannot talk about trading if there are not entitlements; also there is a question of Contraction & Convergence of global emissions that comes into play when we talk about issues of equity . . .“

THE AFRICA GROUP Kyoto Climax Dec 1997
“. . . . It does seem to us that the proposals by for example India and perhaps by others who speak to *Contraction and Convergence* are elements for the future, elements perhaps for a next agreement that we may ultimately all seek to engage in . . . .”

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Kyoto Climax Dec 1997
THE UNITED KINGDOM SAID NOTHING
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