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Honour Kyoto - countries which block this compromise are rogue states



CAN calls on Ministers TO REACH AGREEMENT on the basis of the "core element" paper presented by President Jan Pronk last night. CAN stresses that governments of the world have a unique opportunity to hand which they must seize. ANY COUNTRY BLOCKING THIS COMPROMISE WILL BE BLAMED BY THE WORLD AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

IN THIS REGARD, THE ACTIONS OF JAPAN, RUSSIA, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED!

CAN makes this demand DESPITE SIGNIFICANT SHORTCOMINGS IN THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE. These shortcomings include major gifts - to the detriment of environmental integrity, the G77 and China, and the EU - given for free to the following countries:

Japan:

It has stated over the last few days its desire to see the Kyoto Protocol enter into force in 2002. This was a positive first step. Japan should now fulfil its aspiration by accepting the deal. Having made an enormous gain on Article 3.4 sinks, its wishes have been met. There is no reason for further hesitation.

Canada:

It received twice as many credits as it was demanding on sinks under Article 3.4. Canada's commendable movement from its

earlier positions over the last few days indicates its commitment to ratify the Kyoto Protocol without the US. It would now be blatant sabotage for Canada to block a deal or try to squeeze even more from these negotiations.

Australia:

It got a very special deal on sinks under Articles 3.4 and 3.7 including unbalanced provisions on revegetation and reward for deforestation. Australia has made no positive contribution to the negotiations. It should seize the opportunity to make good in the final hours of the Ministerial negotiations and meet the aspirations of 80 % of Australians.

US:

In the spirit of "non-interference", we respectfully propose you remain where you have placed yourself: on the sidelines of climate protection and multilateral agreements. (CAN is aware US President Bush announced at the G8 Summit in Genoa that he is to table a climate change-related proposal. CAN has two responses to any such "proposal":

1. It could be an underhand effort to derail progress made by the international community at COP6 bis and Parties should guard against this.
2. There must be outright rejection by other Umbrella Group Parties - Japan, Australia and Canada in particular - of any proposal which would have a derailing effect.)

CAN EMPHASISES THAT WHILE THE G77 AND CHINA AS WELL AS THE EU ARE MAKING PAINFUL CONCESSIONS, THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM THE DEAL.

G77 and China:

CAN urges the G77 and China to reach a political agreement on the deal before the end of COP6 bis to ensure industrialized countries take on their global environmental responsibilities.

EU:

Stay strong! The citizens of the EU will not accept you coming home with less than what has been put on the table by Pronk.

AND A FINAL, IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES:

Stop the financial blockade, make up for some of the damage already wreaked on developing countries by climate change and make the "polluter pays principle" real by putting regular and sufficient money on the table.

CAN remains committed to the process and will commend governments of the world if a deal is struck today. It is a first step in the right general direction and has a reasonable architecture. However, CAN underlines that a stabilization of our world's atmospheric concentrations of GHGs will need more efforts over the forthcoming years and decades. Over time there will have to be more equity, greater political will and progressively tighter emissions' reduction goals.