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**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT BY
THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

BERLIN, 29-3-95. At the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) in Berlin, the International Chamber of Commerce supports a measured and cautious response to the challenge of potential climate change, based on sound science and viable economics.

ICC and its membership believe that business and industry involvement is critical in policy deliberations relating to climate change. Constructive dialogue between industry and governments should take place both at the national level where most specific policy programmes will be initiated, and at the international level where industry's advice and counsel can provide important global perspectives.

- The issue of climate change should be addressed in the broader context of economic growth objectives and environmental priorities.
- The issue of climate change is a global and long-term challenge, involving all nations.
- Cost-effective policies, such as energy efficiency and conservation, will encourage responsible environmental stewardship, as well as help mitigate climate change concerns.

Specific Recommendations

- Implementation of current commitments should proceed in accordance with existing provisions of the FCCC.
- It is premature to judge the adequacy of current commitments or the need for further commitments before: the review of national communications has taken place as provided in the FCCC, the scientific uncertainties are clarified, and the economic and social impacts are better understood.
- Serious consideration should be given to undertaking a pilot phase of joint implementation projects. Governments should recognize the importance of a strong and growing international economy that fosters trade and investment, and encourages technology development and transfer while providing appropriate protection for intellectual property.
- Policy deliberations should include industry perspective and experience, particularly with respect to market mechanisms, investment management, and technology development and cooperation.

The Paris-based ICC represents over 7,500 businesses and associations in 130 countries around the world.