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Madam President, Ministers, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Slovenian Government I would like to express my gratitude to our hosts, the German Government and the City of Berlin for the excellent organization of the first session of the COP-1.

Slovenia is a newly independent state and one of Central European countries with economy in transition. It became internationally recognized in the early 1992; in May of the same year it became a member of the UN and immediately after that it signed the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Rio.

In the last three years Slovenia has been introducing a completely new legislature and the process has not been finished yet. In this context environmental orientation plays a very important role and we have already achieved considerable emissions reduction and the improvement of air and water quality.

Madam President, Slovenia comprises on the short range of less than 200 km from the Adriatic coast to Hungarian border three distinct climatic belts: Mediterranean, Alpine and continental. Especially in the Alps and in the Carst terrain there are very fragile ecosystems. Slovenia is exposed from time to time to severe weather events, like drought and floods. For example the flood in the year 1992 caused the damage which was estimated to over 1 billion US Dollars. Therefore Slovenia has joined the endeavours of other countries to protect the climate and fragile ecosystems which are jeopardized by human activities such as anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases.

Draft strategy of the efficient energy use and supply in Slovenia is in the procedure in our Parliament. It anticipates the reduction of emissions of GHG's, especially of CO<sub>2</sub>, by means of switching from coal to natural gas, introducing energy efficient technologies, including alternative energy sources and promoting energy saving. As the basis for the above mentioned measures the inventory of anthropogenic emissions of GHG's has been elaborated.

We already take part in international research programs regarding climate change.

We are convinced that within FCCC an appropriate response to the threat of adverse climate changes should be developed and applied as soon as possible. Joint Implementation with its pilot phase can substantially contribute to this objective. As a small country Slovenia understands and supports the position of AOSIS.

After the ratification which is now in the governmental procedure and will be completed in near future Slovenia expresses the intention to join the countries of Annex 1.

Thank you.