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The position of Denmark is clear:

1. We support strong targets for emission reductions for industrialised countries and we give undivided support to the EU position.

Inside the European bubble Denmark has undertaken to reduce its emissions by 25 % in 2010. Already my country is committed to a 20 % reduction of CO2 emissions in 2005.

We are even prepared - as part of an international commitment - to reduce our CO2 emissions by 50 % in the year 2030. And provided we act wisely to reach that goal, Denmark will still be able to increase its wealth - already very high - by 50 % in the same period. Ambitious environmental targets are a spur to technological innovation - not a brake on economic development. This holds true for rich and poor countries alike.

2. We believe - in full accordance with the Berlin Mandate - that industrialised countries should commit themselves to reductions and not shift the burden to developing countries.

Denmark strongly supports increased development and environment aid to developing countries and we have proved that. In fact our overseas development assistance has grown since Rio and now is above 1% of GDP.

countries we find the Brazilian idea of establishing a clean development fund highly interesting.

We are prepared to discuss the principle of trading but we see no end of possibilities of fraud by emission trading. Especially trading in hot air and superheated air should never - I repeat never - be allowed under the protocol.

If we leave Kyoto with a deal flawed with loopholes that allow big emitters of greenhouse gasses to continue to increase their emissions then it were better we never met. The threat of global climate change can never be overcome by diplomatic climate fraud.

Denmark is together with its European partners ready to compromise. To find ground for common action to meet a common threat. We will in the coming days do our utmost with all our friends here.

We have come to Kyoto to act. Not to stall action.