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COP PRESIDENT: GONZÁLES GARCÍA,
ARGENTINE MINISTER OF HEALTH OF ARGENTINE

Summit Kickoff:

The 10th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP10) was attended by 6,100 participants from 167 countries, including representatives from governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, the media and the press.

Several issues and topics were raised on the summit's agenda, including technology transfer, land use issues, land use change and forestry, the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Annex I national communications, capacity building, adverse impacts and adaptation.



Many policies and measures, adopted by governments, have also been put forward, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change has committed to holding negotiations on a number of issues including the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund, and the submission of second or third national communications where appropriate to Non-Annex I Parties. These issues were referred to SB-22.

Summit Conclusions and Recommendations:

- Agreement on the “Buenos Aires Program of Action on Adaptation and Response Measures” which is divided into four parts as follows: adverse effects of climate change, impact of implementation of response measures, further multilateral work related to activities under Articles 5/7, and SBSTA program of work on the impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
- Continue to implement actions under Articles 5/7 on information, methodologies, vulnerability and adaptation, and request submission of a GEF report to COP11 and subsequent sessions on relevant activities of the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund, and others.
- Organizing three regional workshops prior to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, reflecting regional priorities, and one expert meeting for small island developing States to reflect priority issues.
- Regarding modeling, the COP encourages IPCC to include region-specific modeling information on the adverse effects of climate change in its Fourth Assessment Report.
- Reducing emissions in most sectors in developed countries, particularly in the field of energy and industrial processes.
- The Subsidiary Body recommended the implementation of draft decisions on capacity-building in countries with economies in transition and forwarded them to the Conference of the Parties.
- The Conference of the Parties invited, among other parties, the Global Environment Facility, Annex II Parties and multilateral and bilateral organizations to provide information on opportunities for technical and financial support and to encourage countries with economies in transition to strengthen national institutions for capacity-building, through training programmes, education and public awareness.