

## **Workers and Trade Unions Climate Change – 1 May 2007**

Trade Unions agree with the Chairman's Draft on the need to base climate change policies on the principles of sustainable development. We support the notion that implementing climate change policies can yield co-benefits, including improved health, cleaner air and a long-run competitive industrial development.

Trade unions welcome and support the following proposals: to strengthen existing mechanisms for adaptation activities and improve accessibility of developing countries to the funds for economic diversification to minimize adverse impacts of response measures.

Trade Unions understand the urgency for implementing ambitious and financially backed policies to fight climate change, and in this context we propose the following policy recommendations, to:

- ❖ Promote analysis, discussion and action on employment impacts of climate change policies and climate events. A joint trade union study on employment consequences of climate change policies in Europe should be explored as a model for other regions.
- ❖ Ensure trade union consultation in decision making at the international, national and local level as a means of strengthening public support of climate change policies, as they relate to production and consumption.
- ❖ Support and strengthen 'Cap & Trade' systems to reduce GHG emissions; and raise awareness about sustainable entrepreneurship as a stimulus to productivity.
- ❖ Incorporate social and environmental responsibility in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and integrate appropriate monitoring involving trade unions and civil society.

Best Regards  
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