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Robert has decided
not to attend this
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SEND TO CEA:
Robert Lawrence
Ryan Edwards
Joe Aldy

17 May 1999

Dear Economic Counsellor,

Workshop on Climate Change

As foreshadowed at the time of the March Working Party No. 1 meeting, and mentioned again in the context of the recent discussion on climate change by the Economic Policy Committee, a workshop on aspects of climate change will be held at OECD Headquarters on 15 June. The workshop is a follow-up to the one on Economic Modelling of Climate Change, held 17-18 September 1998.

A preliminary agenda for the June workshop is included. The intention is that the work presented to Working Party No. 1 in March will be the starting point for the discussion in the two morning sessions. The discussion in the afternoon will concentrate on the impact of and adaptation to climate change and will be based on invited papers.

Members of delegations and national administrations are welcome to participate in the workshop in their personal capacity within the space constraints of the meeting room. In order to make the necessary practical arrangements, I would appreciate receiving the names of participants by 1 June.

Best regards,

Jorgen Elmeskov

To: Economic Counsellors to OECD Delegations

Sent by fax

OECD Climate Change Workshop

June 15th 1999

9:30 a.m. - Room C

OECD Headquarters

2, rue André Pascal

75016 Paris

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

An OECD paper, "Taking action against climate change: the Kyoto Protocol," forms the background to the Workshop, most particularly for the morning session.

Morning - The costs of action**Session 1: Costs of implementing Kyoto**

Participants are invited to comment on the OECD paper, its methods and its results.

Participants are invited to comment on other issues that may arise out of the paper, for example:

- what progress has been made elsewhere on modelling refinements that are being pursued at the OECD, e.g. non-CO2 gases, labour market rigidities and adjustment costs, the treatment of carbon sinks from land-use changes ?
- how should the CDM be handled - will it be marginal or central?

Session 2: Beyond Kyoto

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- what emissions/concentration path should be modelled; can the economic models be satisfactorily linked to concentration paths?
- how can these and similar simulations shed useful light on the discussion of appropriate burden-sharing ?
- are the benefits of emission trading beyond Kyoto different from in the short run ?
- what improvements are necessary or feasible in the treatment of technical progress, backstop technologies ?

Afternoon - Dealing with the consequences of climate change

The OECD paper notes that not enough is known about what costs may be. Two sessions will explore the extent to which necessary information is lacking and what can or should be done in its absence.

Session 3: The economic consequences of climate change

Robert Mendelsohn (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies). Title: "The Greening of Global Warming".

Richard Klein (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research). Adaptation to Climate Change: How to Determine the Benefits?.

Session 4: Adapting to climate change

Tom Downing (Environmental Change Unit, Oxford University). Title: to be confirmed.

Hadi Dowlatabadi (Carnegie Mellon). Title: to be confirmed.

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Attached from John Weeks on Climate Change.

(Ryan:

Could you please pass a copy of the attached to Joe Aldy. Do you have his direct telephone and fax number? Thanks, Sue)

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TO RYAN
Edwards,
RYAN, am I to
pressure we will
NOT be sending anyone
to the workshop?
John

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Elmeskov regarding the Workshop on Climate Change on 15 June.

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1 June 1999

JE/jg/99.18

Dear Economic Counsellor,

Workshop on Climate Change

Further to my letter of 17 May and Mr. Moe's letter to Heads of National Delegations of 11 May, please find attached the final agenda of the workshop on climate change modelling, to be held on 15 June.

As previously stated, members of delegations and national administrations are welcome to participate in the workshop in their personal capacity. It would be helpful if the names of participants could be communicated to Anne-Marie.Fitzpatrick@oecd.org at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Jørgen Elmeskov

To: Economic Counsellors to OECD Delegations

31 May, 1999

OECD Climate Change Modelling Workshop

15 June 1999 -- 9:30 a.m. -- Room C
OECD Headquarters - 2, rue André Pascal - 75016 Paris

AGENDA

An OECD paper, "Taking action against climate change: the Kyoto Protocol", forms the background to the Workshop, most particularly for the morning session. The paper reports on results from simulations with the GREEN model and discusses some implications for policy. It will be sent to participants before the meeting. Comments and suggestions for further work are much welcomed. Thorvald Moe will chair the meeting.

MORNING - THE COSTS OF ACTION

Session 1 : Costs of implementing Kyoto

- 09:30 Welcoming address by Thorvald Moe, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- 09:35 Presentation of the OECD background paper by the OECD Secretariat
- 10:00 Comments by Johannes Bollen, RIVM, The Netherlands
- 10:20 Comments by Warwick McKibbin, RSPAS, Australia
- 10:40 General discussion

Participants are invited to comment on the OECD paper, its methods and its results.

Participants are invited to comment on other issues that may arise out of the paper, for example:

- what progress has been made elsewhere on modelling refinements that are being pursued at the OECD, e.g. non-CO2 gases, labour market rigidities and adjustment costs, the treatment of carbon sinks from land-use changes ?
- how should the CDM be handled - will it be marginal or central?

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee-break

Session 2 : Beyond Kyoto

- 11:30 Introduction by the OECD Secretariat
- 11:50 Discussant: Alan Manne, Stanford University, USA
- 12:10 Discussant: Mikiko Kainuma, NIES, Japan
- 12:30 General discussion

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- how can these and similar simulations shed useful light on the discussion of appropriate burden-sharing ?
- are the benefits of emission trading beyond Kyoto different from in the short run ?
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AFTERNOON - DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The OECD paper, in a final brief section, notes that not enough is known about what costs may be. Two sessions will explore the extent to which necessary information is lacking and what can or should be done regarding further work:

Session 3: The economic consequences of climate change

- 15:00 Robert Mendelsohn (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies). Title: "The Greening of Global Warming"
- 15:20 Tom Downing (Environmental Change Unit, Oxford University). Title: "Confidence in climate change, its impacts and their economic valuation"
- 15:40 General Discussion.

Session 4: Adapting to climate change

- 16:30 Richard Klein (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research). Title: "Adaptation to Climate Change: How to Determine the Benefits"
- 16:50 Hadi Dowlatabadi (Carnegie Mellon University). Title: "The who-how of adaptation"
- 17:10 General discussion.

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16 April 1999

Dear Janet,

EPC is coming up, and I would like to invite you to an informal luncheon on Thursday May 6 – the first day of EPC. If an informal dinner on the same day suits you better, that is fine too. In the event I would, of course, invite Ignazio and some of his colleagues in ECO.

Aside from touching base, there is one particular issue that I would like to discuss. OECD has been approached by the Dutch authorities – the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Environment – asking us to facilitate informal discussions on climate change policies at the OECD, based on our analytical work. The way this has evolved, Mr. Pronk – the Dutch Minister of Environment – wants this to be at ministerial level. He may come to Paris on May 6, although this is uncertain at this stage, and he may approach you directly about the matter. He is, apparently, discussing this with Frank Loy in Washington today.

I have discussed the Dutch initiative with Ignazio Visco and Joke Waller-Hunter, the Director of our Environment Directorate. Secretary-General Johnston is, of course, informed also. We are positive to the OECD playing some informal, facilitator role – not least since we are now doing quite a bit of work in the climate change area.

But for now, I just want to reserve a time for a luncheon or a dinner on May 6.

We are also pursuing our modelling agenda with a workshop in Paris 15 June, in the margins of the EMF conference. Would Bob Lawrence be able to come to this meeting if we paid his expenses?

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards

Handwritten signature: Thorvald Moe

Thorvald Moe

Handwritten note: Robert. I'm holding this date on your calendar. Loro

cc: Ignazio Visco

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