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RE: 1-pager - Developing Country Initiative for WH Conference

MESSAGE: Following is a draft one pager that USAID proposes be included in the Conference packets. The Action Plan draft that will be released for comment on Monday is a direct follow-up to the President's announcement last June of the Developing Country Initiative. We believe that this effort can help argue against the resistance of developing countries to sign onto the agreement this winter -- the US is putting \$1B toward helping them meet their goals (while doing good for American business). This would also be part of the discussion led by Brian Atwood at lunch on Monday. Reactions are encouraged! Thanks, Ann

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"To help developing nations reduce greenhouse gas emissions, I am pleased to announce that the United States will provide them with \$1 billion in assistance over the next five years. These funds will go to programs that support energy efficiency, develop alternative energy sources and improve resource management to promote growth that does not adversely affect the climate."

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President Clinton, The United Nations, June 26, 1997

Developing countries are critical to addressing global climate change. Although developed nations will be responsible for the excess concentration of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere well into the next century, by around 2020 annual emissions from developing and transitional countries will overtake those of OECD nations. Developing countries are also the most vulnerable and least prepared to cope with the impacts of climate change. Any effective international regime to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions must include all major emitters.

Speaking at the United Nations last June, President Clinton articulated a clear leadership role for the United States in working with emerging economies to combat climate change. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is implementing the President's commitment to assist developing nations in charting a less carbon-intensive path to development while protecting their capacity to sequester carbon.

A draft Climate Action Plan outlining USAID's approach to the five year \$1 billion commitment is being released today for public review and consultation.

The USAID Climate Action Plan will build on USAID's extensive on-the-ground network and experience in advancing environmentally sustainable economic development. As proposed, the Initiative will focus on "sources" and "sinks" in nine key countries and three regions: Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Poland, South Africa, Ukraine Central America, Central Africa (the Congo Basin) and the Central Asian Republics.

In the energy sector, USAID proposes promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and market reforms that benefit the environment. The Agency also hopes to facilitate more sustainable forest management and agriculture.

As drafted, the Initiative will target those policies and measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while promoting sound economic development. It will promote technology cooperation, create partnerships with the U.S. private sector and develop human and institutional capacity. USAID will also work closely with other bilateral donors, non-governmental organizations and multilateral development banks to promote greater investments in "climate friendly" technology.

USAID is organizing a series of consultations with other Agencies and Departments of the Federal Government, non-governmental organizations, private firms and the general public. To receive a copy of the Draft USAID Climate Action Plan, please contact:

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