

## **Forum for 21st century** **on Visa Policy issues**

### **Position of European Union for the purpose of the conference held by the Forum for 21st Century**

The European Union would like to thank the Forum for 21st Century for initiating the discussion and organizing the conference on global economic issues. Hereby we express our full support towards solving the challenges occurring in the new global scenario. After an in-depth analysis of the first draft proposed by the Forum for 21st Century let us comment proposals and include our suggestions as well. The European Union stresses that it supports all efforts to meaningful discussion concerning the topic of the economy of climate change mitigation and adaptation (ECC) with international trade- and commerce-related aspects, regulatory regimes and the involvement of facilities and institutions pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

#### **In the section Notes**

Facing new global challenges the European Union feels strong need to determine appropriate policies and tools to be effective and efficient in solving the problem of economic aspects of climate change. Therefore we welcome the initiative of the Forum for 21st Century to update the Kyoto-established platform. The European Union has always played an active role in international discussion on climate change and its economic aspects. We support the system of international GHG emission restriction by means of binding restriction quotas and their subsequent market distribution, accompanied by supportive measures and enforcement mechanisms. By creating new rules we stress the need to take into consideration impacts on all the members and the benefits of these rules.

#### **In the section Proposals**

The European Union expresses the need to sign a new treaty in order to solve the problem of economic aspects of climate change. However we believe that the treaty should be proposed after more in-depth analysis and after taking into account the positions of all members. *The UNFCCC Bratislava Accord on Trade- and Commerce- Related Aspects of Climate Change Management* contents wider range of issues than issues discussed in the first draft. The European Union doesn't share the opinion of the Forum for 21st Century to involve provisions of WTO into treaty concerning the topic of the economy of climate change mitigation and adaptation (ECC) with international trade- and commerce-related aspects, regulatory regimes and the involvement of facilities and institutions pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Moreover the standpoint of the European Union is that many articles of the treaty should be formulated more specifically. We believe that the articles should be clear and unambiguous. According to the European Union the treaty puts too much stress on the trade related aspects of Climate Change.

The European Union doesn't agree with Forum for 21st Century primarily in these issues:

[3][c] The European Union is not convinced that principles might be fully achievable.

[7][a] We disagree with limit 200% of Carbon footprint in ISCCER at any given time. We call for determining the limit after more scientific research in this area. In addition the term participant should be defined.

[7][b] We require more information on Global Mean Industrial Footprint Index.

[7][c] We demand to determine who is entitled to decide whether speculative concentration occurs.

[9] The position of the European Union is, that UNFCCC Bratislava Accord should comprise provisions regarding to green projects, as they are an important part of securing GHG reduction. We propose to involve it into the treaty, not into the Protocol.

[12] The European Union will sign the Accord only in case that all UNFCCC Parties sign the Accord.