

## Submission by Saudi Arabia

### Views on the Work Programme on Clarification of Quantified Economy-wide Emission Reduction Targets of Developed Country Parties

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on the Work Programme on clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties.

Our view is that the Work Programme on clarification of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties should result in developing vital components to the progress of Annex-I Parties measurable, reportable and verifiable mitigation commitments and actions towards increasing the ambition of their economy-wide emission reduction targets, with a view to reducing their aggregate anthropogenic emissions to a level consistent with the ranges documented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and its subsequent assessment reports.

In accordance with the Convention principles and as the largest share of historical global emissions of greenhouse Gases originated in developed country Parties and that, owing to their historical responsibility, developed country Parties should take the lead in combating climate change, we believe that successful outcomes of the Work Programme will be essential in building confidence and trust among Parties and will pave the way into the attainment of ambitious collective economy-wide emission reduction target for all Annex I Parties. This is also an important step in fulfilling the Bali mandate to put in place measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments and actions, including quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives, by all developed country Parties, while ensuring the comparability of efforts among them, taking into account differences in their national circumstances.

In terms of deliverables, the Work Programme should employ a structured approach and create a timely work plan to be pursued with clearly identified correlated outcomes. It is our view that both work areas should produce the following outcomes:

*(a) Identifying common elements for measuring the progress made towards the achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets;*

The deliverables from the first work area will be the basis for developing common accounting rules and common methodologies to establish a rigorous and systematic common accounting

system for the measurement and evaluation of the level of emission reduction efforts by each individual Annex I Party.

*(b) Ensuring the comparability of efforts among developed country Parties, taking into account differences in their national circumstances;*

The second work area should aim to produce deliverables to enable the assessment of the individual contributions of Annex I Parties toward their own pledges and toward global goals that are supported by best available science. These deliverables in our view should include the provision of a methodology for measuring and assessing comparability.