

Aviation and the Kyoto Protocol

Abstract

The presentation outlines the history of international negotiations on the United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol. It further provides an overview on how emissions from international aviation are treated within this system. Finally, it gives a brief overview of the issues that have been discussed at the sixth Conference of the Parties in The Hague, Netherlands, in November 2000 and which will be further discussed when the Conference resumes in July in Bonn, Germany.

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