

PROPOSALS FROM THE COPENHAGEN COMPETITION:

The subject of the negotiations was the future regulations for emission quota trade – also called pollution quotas – between the rich and the poor countries. In other words, the so-called CDMs.

During negotiations it was agreed that – on a long-term basis – a greenhouse gas emission limit for all the countries should gradually be introduced with regard to the individual countries' economical development.

The possibility of introducing a joint global greenhouse gas emission limit and delay a final decision on the principles on how this limit is divided between the countries, including determining emission limits for the most important sectors like the energy sector and the cement sector, was also suggested.

It was agreed that greenhouse gas trade is one of several instruments to obtain an efficient reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and an increase in the use of emission quota trade was predominantly backed. The agreement must be designed to encourage the more developed countries to submit to a greenhouse gas emission limit. It was agreed that the present institutional arrangement should be simplified.

This can be obtained by establishing a positive list of prioritised projects and states, and by conducting a yearly auction of emission quotas during the Climate Convention, where private companies buy quotes, which are left to an international organ to invest in developing country projects. Enforcement of the individual countries' emission limit can be achieved by making the possibility of emission quota trade depend on observance of the limits.

As regards the developing countries the need for an international fund to support new projects, transmit technology and eliminate the impact of the climate changes on the most vulnerable developing countries was agreed upon. The funds can be established in terms of duties on emission quota trade and/or on the sectors, which will not be included by a future emission limit such as aviation and shipping. However, consensus on this matter was not reached