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Dear all,

Thank you for your letter regarding the surplus of AAUs related to the first commit-
ment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

I share your concern regarding the possible devastating effect that the surplus AAUs
can have on the environmental integrity. Denmark is working for the most ambitious
solution possible. In this regard, we see the proposal from the G77 and China as a
good starting point. We would, however, would like to see a solution that is even
more ambitious.

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The Danish government has no plans for compliance procurement of credits from JI
or CDM projects in the second Kyoto commitment period and no plans to procure ad-
ditional credits in the first Kyoto commitment period. Contractual constraints mean
that existing legal commitments for the first Kyoto commitment period must be hon-
oured unless our counterparts break their contractual obligations.

On your thoughts regarding the possibility that the Council could adopt a position in
preparation for COP18 by a qualified majority, I note that the Presidency has asked
the Council to adopt its conclusions in preparation for COP18 at the forthcoming En-
vironment Council meeting. The common practice for adopting the Council's conclu-
sions is by common accord.

Best regards,

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