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**SUMMARY RECORD OF FOURTH MEETING:
ECCP WORKING GROUP 1
25 OCTOBER 2000**

Present: see list attached (as Annex 1)

Chaired by Peter VIS (DG ENV.A.2)

1. Adoption of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. Adoption of record of previous meeting

The draft records of the second and third meetings of the Working Group were adopted.

3. Adoption of the Interim Report

The draft Interim Report, which had been subject to a first round of comments by e-mail, was further discussed. Changes were made to the draft during the discussion until agreement was reached. The report was adopted unanimously by the Working Group.

4. First exchange of views on Background Document 4: “International Macroeconomic Competitiveness and Flexible Mechanisms”

The Chairman introduced the Background Document. He stressed that emissions trading should not be singled out over and above other policies and measures as having an undue impact on competitiveness.

During the subsequent discussion, many participants agreed that emissions trading was likely to have less impact on competitiveness than other policies and measures.

Industry representatives generally felt that the document made too much of the risk of relocation. In reality, it was suggested, incremental investment decisions could result in new investments going outside the EU – and only ultimately, due to persistent under investment, would factories in the EU face the risk of closure.

Furthermore, it was generally acknowledged – as suggested in the document – that a great many factors play a role in determining investment decisions, not just environmental factors. However, it was recommended not to list some of these factors as any selection could not be exhaustive.

The point was also made by several members that competitiveness was an issue for all Working Groups, and that the matter should ideally be discussed within each of them and certainly by the Steering Committee. The Chairman undertook to convey this message to the Chairman of the Steering Committee.

A revision of Background Document 4 would be made in the light of comments made.

5. Any other business (including organisation of further work)

Date of next meeting would take place on 6 December 2000 (10h00 until 18h00). It will take place in Room 0/C at the offices of DG Environment: 5, Avenue de Beaulieu, B-1160 Brussels.

This meeting will discuss the implications of the outcome of COP6 on the work of the Group. Work during the second phase will be discussed. An exchange of views will take place on the project mechanisms, and a second discussion will take place on Background Document 2.

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Annex 1

ECCP Working Group 1

Fourth meeting: 25 October 2000

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VIS Peter (Chairman)	DG Environment, Unit A2
VANHEUKELEN Marc*	DG Environment, Unit B2
ZAPFEL Peter	DG Environment, Unit B2
HAYDEN Mark	DG Economic & Financial Affairs
VON SCHOLZ Hans-Eike	DG Transport and Energy, Unit A3
LORENZ-MEYER Stefan	DG Enterprise, Unit E2
FÜHR Vivien	DG Transport and Energy, Unit A3
CANEILL Jean-Yves	EURELECTRIC
DE LANNOY Rose	EURELECTRIC
GASTALDO Sylviane	Ministry of Environment, France
KYTE Bill.	Emissions Trading Group, United Kingdom
WOLLANSKY Traude	Environment Ministry, Austria
JOHANSSON Niklas	Swedish National Energy Administration
LEANDER Asa	Swedish National Energy Administration
COATES Ian	Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, United Kingdom
KENBER Mark	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
BOYD Chris	European Round Table (ERT)
WRIGLESWORTH Mike	Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE)
HEERINK Bertil	European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
BRADLEY Rob	Climate Network Europe (CNE)
MOGFORD Margaret	UK Emissions Trading Group (ETG)
HEIN Joachim	BDI
BALOCCO Francesco	International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (IFIEC)
LEFEVERE Jürgen	Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD)