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## STATEMENT BY GLOBAL CLIMATE COALITION

*Comments by John Shlaes, Executive Director, Global Climate Coalition issued in Washington, D.C. in response to the U.S. Draft Protocol Framework released today by the Clinton Administration:*

While we will be analyzing the U.S proposal very closely, we continue to urge the Administration to look before it leaps into an international agreement on global climate change. This is a very complicated proposal and it depends upon the agreement of over one-hundred and fifty nations, which includes developing countries, in less than a year. The Administration has already committed itself to targets and timetables despite the fact that it has not yet completed its own analysis of the economic impacts of current climate change policy. Before the United States commits itself to a binding agreement, the American people and their leaders need to know the consequences of such a policy. The Administration has indicated in the past that it will not cost anything to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Let's wait and see what the analysis says. It is important that we get it right before we agree to anything that will commit the United States to a course of action well into the 21st century.

*The Global Climate Coalition is an organization of business trade associations and private companies established in 1989 to coordinate business participation in the scientific and policy debate on global climate change.*

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