

Final Chairman's Summary: Second Major Economies Meeting On Energy Security and Climate Change

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Leaders' representatives to the Second Major Economies Meeting on Energy Security and Climate Change met in Honolulu on January 30-31 in order to improve understanding of how to develop a detailed contribution in taking forward the Bali Action Plan under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). They welcomed the Bali Action Plan to launch a comprehensive process to enable a full, effective and sustained implementation of the UNFCCC to result in a decision in 2009 for long-term cooperative action. They underscored the importance of rapid progress in implementing the Bali Action Plan and noted that Major Economies Meetings can assist the UNFCCC toward a successful outcome.

Leaders' representatives advanced discussions begun at the First Major Economies Meetings in Washington, focusing on areas on which the Major Economies Meetings could, through a political dialogue, contribute to the UN negotiations, taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

Representatives also discussed the desirability of a meeting of Leaders of Major Economies in mid-2008 to add political impetus in support of a successful outcome in the UNFCCC in 2009.

Representatives had a useful exchange in the context of the Bali Action Plan on a number of issues that could potentially be addressed by the Leaders.

Representatives emphasized the need for efficient deliberations in the Major Economies Meetings. They welcomed Japan's hosting of a clean energy technology workshop in Chiba, Japan in mid-March, and agreed it would be useful to consult on the Major Economies Meetings at that time. Representatives welcomed the offer of France to host another gathering of leaders' representatives in April.