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Senator John F. Kerry
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Dear Senator Kerry:

It was good to see you at the U.N.'s 14th Conference of Parties in Poznan, Poland last week.

When we were meeting with Vice President Gore to discuss the U.N.'s negotiations on climate change, you asked that I forward to you the attached chart showing important transitions in greenhouse gas emitting countries over the coming century. The chart, prepared by the Battelle Memorial Institute for the U.S. Department of Energy, shows the relative growth in emissions under "business-as-usual" CO₂ emission projections by country. The point I was making with the chart to the Vice President when you arrived was that without the agreement of developing nations to legally binding emissions reductions in a post-Kyoto treaty, it is impossible to achieve global reductions with only the participation of the developed nations.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss these matters further. Thank you for your past leadership in pushing for the participation of all nations in future greenhouse gas emissions reduction treaties.

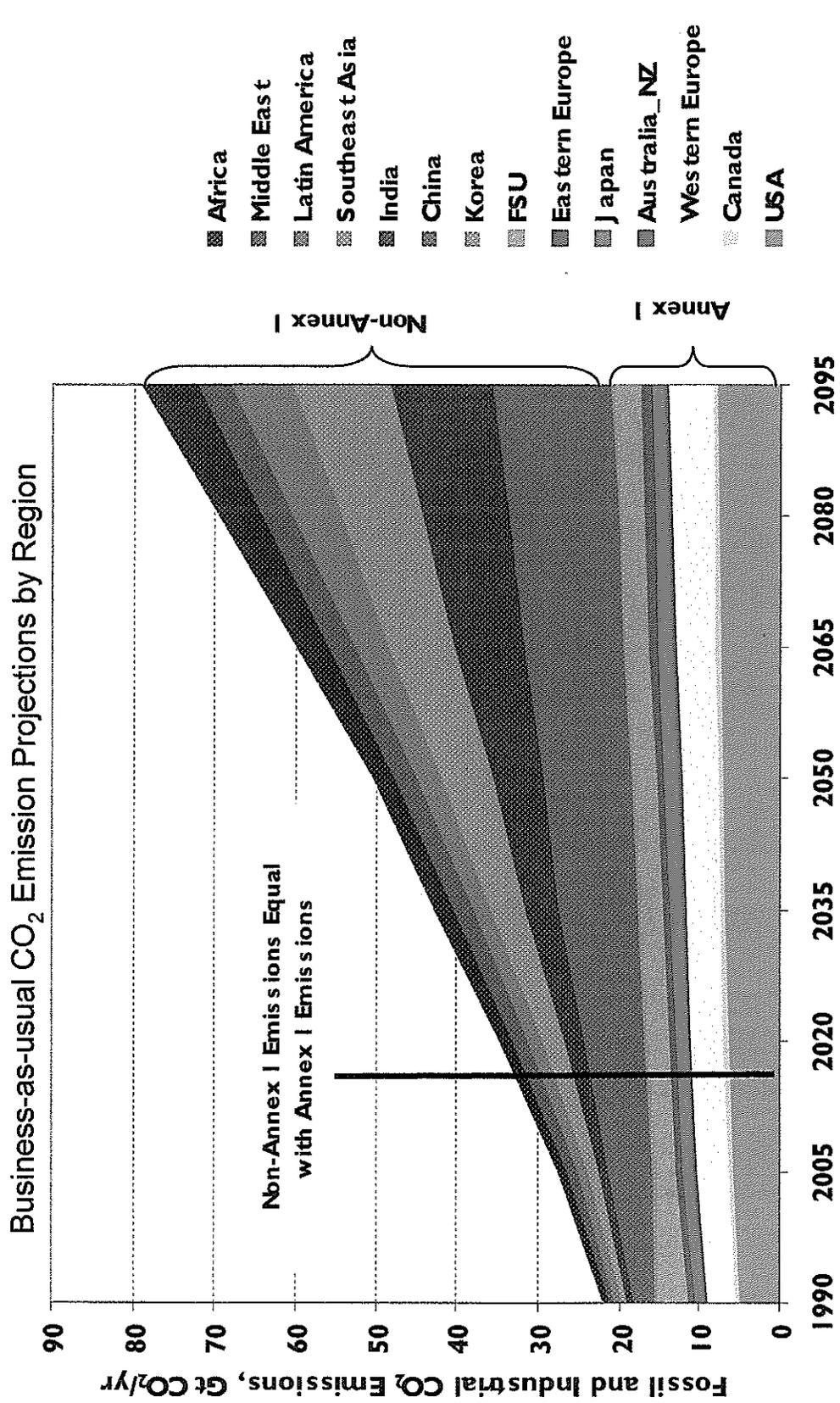
And congratulations on your Chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Important Transitions in Emitting Countries Over the Coming Century



Data derived from *Global Energy Technology Strategy, Addressing Climate Change: Phase 2 Findings from an International Public-Private Sponsored Research Program*, Battelle Memorial Institute, 2007.