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TODAY'S GLOBAL CLIMATE MEETING

1. 1816 - The year without a summer

I was slow on the uptake when you mentioned this today. The dramatic point is the enormous consequence which follows from a 1 degree fall in average temperature over a year (frosts in June etc).

Most people think of a one degree fall or rise from day to day or even week to week as neither here nor there. I shall try to dig out the original article because it may have some good points for your remarks at the seminar.

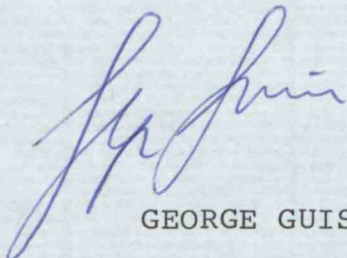
2. Debt/Forests

Chris Patten was being inconsistent with the FCO paper in suggesting that the main linkage is Brazil. Brazil may have the largest forest in absolute acreage but Annex C para 6 states:

46% of tropical forests are in Latin America
37% are in Africa

ie. 83% are in countries mostly with debt problems.

I may introduce Chris to Goldsmith privately, either before or after the Seminar, to see if I can defuse some of the ODA hostility to the debt rebatement concept.



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