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## Study on equity of carbon space commissioned

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The Minister of Environment and Forests, Mr Jairam Ramesh, said on Sunday that a study on equity of exiting carbon space in the atmosphere, which could be crucial in determining the quantum or reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) has been commissioned.

"We have commissioned a study on equity of carbon space. I have asked Mr Arvind Subramanian, a noted economist with the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, to prepare a paper on this," he told newsmen here.

He said the paper is expected to be submitted in April.

The issue will be discussed at an international workshop being organised here in May, ahead of the formal climate talks in Bonn.

"We do not have clarity on how equity is to be enshrined in international agreements," he said, at the 10<sup>th</sup> Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS), held under the

aegis of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

### VITAL ISSUES

At the conference, the Minister raised core issues that need to be addressed in the run up to Mexico – the mechanisms and methodologies towards compliance with whatever agreement arrived at drafting a Legally Binding Agreement around the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities.

In his address, Dr R.K. Pachauri, Director-General, TERI and Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said, "Without dispute, the impacts of climate change would become far more serious over time if the world does not mitigate emissions of GHGs. Hence, what we need before Mexico is the initiation of activities such as reducing deforestation and degradation as well as specific adaptation measures in some of the most vulnerable regions in the world."