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123. **We are clear that serious consideration for the regulatory arrangements for geoengineering needs to start now, not once highly disruptive climate change is under way.** If we start now it will provide the opportunity "to explore the technological, environmental, political and regulatory issues in a measured, science-led process". [190] The UN is the route by which eventually we envisage the regulatory framework operating but first the UK and other governments need to prime the UN pump. As Mr Virgoe pointed out, such "an approach would encourage enhanced awareness of the options and help ensure that, if and when a crisis arrives, there is a reasonable chance of getting multilateral agreement to a geoengineering deployment through the UN. [191]

124. We found collaborative working with the House Committee to be constructive and rewarding and, we hope, successful. We have commented on the process to made a number of suggestions for improvements which should assist future select committees embarking on collaborative working. Science, technology and engineering are key to solving global challenges and we commend to our successor committee international collaboration as an innovative way to meet these challenges with success.

190 J Virgoe, "International governance of a possible geoengineering intervention to

combat climate change", *Climatic Change*, 2009, 95:103-119, para 5 [Back](#)

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