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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEWS OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM
PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

STATUS REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THIRD NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The SBI took note of document FCCC/SBI/2002/3 and noted that, according to the available data, total aggregated greenhouse gas emissions from Annex I Parties had decreased in 1999 by about eight per cent since 1990. It also noted that in a number of Annex I Parties greenhouse gas emissions had increased over the same period.
2. The SBI took note of suggestions relating to the further improvement of the review process contained in document FCCC/SBI/2002/3. The SBI acknowledged the proven utility of the current review process and concluded that any improvement to this process would require further consideration taking into account, inter alia, financial and budgetary implications. The SBI agreed to consider this issue, including the periodicity of the consideration of matters related to national communications from Annex I Parties, at its next session.
3. With regard to the division of work between the SBI and the SBSTA, the SBI concluded that it should continue to consider the information contained in national communications and annual inventory submissions by Annex I Parties and recommended that the SBSTA should continue its work on methodological and technical aspects of this information.
4. The SBI expressed concern about the delays incurred by Annex I Parties in submitting national communications to the secretariat and urged those Parties that had not yet submitted their national communications, due by 30 November 2001, and annual inventory submissions, due by 15 April 2002, to do so as soon as possible. The SBI agreed to consider at its next session what action could be taken to facilitate the timely submission of national communications and requested the secretariat to prepare proposals to facilitate its discussions.

5. The SBI took note that due to delays in the submission of national communications the compilation and synthesis report will be prepared by the secretariat for the eighteenth session of the SBI.
6. The SBI welcomed the in-session presentation of the main results of the analysis of inventory data, and requested the secretariat to continue this practice where appropriate.
7. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile the complete set of greenhouse gas inventory data for the period 1990-2000 and to make it accessible and searchable via the UNFCCC web site consistent with SBSTA conclusions on this subject.
