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on its seventeenth session**

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List of documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its seventeenth session

¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under symbol FCCC/SBSTA/2002/13.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The seventeenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Vigyan Bhawan conference centre, New Delhi, India, from 23 to 29 October 2002.
2. The Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Halldor Thorgeirsson (Iceland) opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He noted that the provisional agenda of the session included progress reports on numerous intersessional and pre-session activities undertaken since the sixteenth session of the SBSTA.
3. He informed the SBSTA that Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas), Vice-Chair of the SBSTA, had resigned from that post. He suggested that election of a replacement should await the election of the new SBSTA officers as no information on a possible replacement had been received from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. Following this, he welcomed Ms. Tatyana Ososkova (Uzbekistan) as Rapporteur of the SBSTA.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. At its 1st meeting, on 23 October, the SBSTA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/7). At the same meeting, the SBSTA adopted the agenda, the title of sub-item 4 (f) being amended to read, "Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil".

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 23 October. At the same meeting, Parties were informed of the status of documentation and the suggested schedule of work. The Chair noted that provision had been made in the agenda for the SBSTA to take up any items referred to it by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). He also noted that the SBI had made a similar provision to take up any item referred to it by the SBSTA.

C. Election of officers other than the Chair

(Agenda item 2 (c))

6. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 23 October. At the same meeting, the Chair drew the attention of Parties to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, whereby the SBSTA is expected to elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. The Chair noted that he would hold consultations with the coordinators of the regional groups to receive nominations for both positions, in close cooperation with the Chair of the SBI. Due to time constraints, these consultations would be held in conjunction with those for the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP).

III. THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

7. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 24 and xx October, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

8. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 4)

A. Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

9. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st, 2nd and xx meetings, on 23 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12.

10. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of informal consultations chaired by Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway).

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

11. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 23 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.18, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.19, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.20, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.14 and Add.1, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.16, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.17, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.18, and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.20 and Add.1.

Issues relating to guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8

12. At the 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Helen Plume (New Zealand) and Mr. Festus Luboyera (South Africa). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

Issues related to registries under Article 7.4

13. At the 2nd meeting, Mr. Murray Ward (New Zealand), who had been requested by the Chair of the SBSTA to chair the intersessional consultations on registries, reported on the consultations held on 20 October 2002. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this aspect of guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 during the session by way of informal consultations chaired by Mr. Ward. At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Ward on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

14. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 23 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/2002/INF.2.

15. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the co-chairs of the contact group on item 4 (b), Ms. Helen Plume (New Zealand) and Mr. Festus Luboyera (South Africa), and the secretariat, and in consultation with interested Parties.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/8.

17. At its 3rd meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

E. Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (e))

1. Proceedings

18. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.11 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.22 and Add.1-2.

19. At its 3rd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Thelma Krug (Brazil) and Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

F. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil

(Agenda item 4 (f))

1. Proceedings

20. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 23 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.14.

21. At its 3rd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Mr. Meira Filho (Brazil) and Mr. Murray Ward (New Zealand). At the xx meeting, a report was given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

G. Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention

(Agenda item 4 (g))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

23. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations chaired by Mr. Jim Penman (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Penman on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

V. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

24. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/9 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/10.

25. At the 2nd meeting, Mr. Jukka Uosukainen (Finland), Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT), reported on the results of the second meeting of the EGTT, held on 20 and 21 October 2002 in New Delhi, India (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/CRP.7). At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Mr. Terry Carrington (United Kingdom) and Mr. Philip Gwage (Uganda). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VI. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE LAYER AND EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THE GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEM: ISSUES RELATING TO HYDROFLUOROCARBONS AND PERFLUOROCARBONS

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

26. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23.

27. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Richard Bradley (United States of America). At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Bradley on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. "GOOD PRACTICES" IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

28. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.13 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.19.

29. At the 4th meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA referred discussion of this item to a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Peer Stiansen (Norway) and Dr. Suk-Hoon Woo (Republic of Korea). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VIII. RESEARCH AND SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATION

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

30. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 24 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.15, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.17, and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.15 and Add.1.

31. At the 3rd meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA referred discussion of this item to a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Sue Barrel (Australia) and Mr. S. K. Srivastava (India). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

IX. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

32. The SBSTA considered this item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 25 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.16.

Cooperation with other conventions

33. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Ms. Jimena Nieto (Colombia) and Ms. Outi Berghall (Finland). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

Cooperation with scientific organizations and other United Nations bodies

34. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

X. ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 10)

1. Proceedings

35. The SBSTA considered this item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 25 and 29 October, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/11, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/12 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.21.

36. At the 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Fatou Gaye (Gambia) and Mr. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele (Belgium). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XI. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 11)

A. Issues relating to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy

(Agenda item 11 (a))

1. Proceedings

37. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 25 and 29 October, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

38. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the xx meeting, a report was given by the Chair of the SBSTA on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 11 (b))

1. Proceedings

39. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 25 and 29 October, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

40. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the xx meeting, a report was given by the Chair of the SBSTA on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Any other matters

(Agenda item 11 (c))

41. This item was not taken up as no items were referred to the SBSTA by the SBI.

XII. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 12)

42. At its xx meeting, on 29 October, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its seventeenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.13). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chair.

[to be completed]
