



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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Agenda item 7

ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered document FCCC/SBI/2003/4 containing a proposal on the possible structure and content of an Article 6 information network clearing house. It also considered document FCCC/SBI/2003/7/Add.4 containing a compilation and synthesis of the information received from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in their third national communications on their activities relating to Article 6. The SBI noted the oral report of the secretariat on this agenda item.
2. The SBI took note of the oral report on the European regional workshop held from 6 to 8 May 2003 in Le Grand Hornu, Belgium, and expressed its appreciation to the Government of Belgium for having hosted and organized this workshop, and to the Government of France for having provided interpretation in English, French and Russian during the workshop. The SBI will consider the complete report at its next session.
3. The SBI reaffirmed that regional workshops could advance the work on assessing needs, identifying priorities, sharing experience and exchanging information; it welcomed the offer of the Government of the Gambia to host an African regional workshop before the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties, and the offer of the Government of Thailand to host an Asian regional workshop early in 2004. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to consider funding these workshops, as well as the remaining regional workshop, for Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. The SBI welcomed the secretariat's proposal for an Article 6 information network clearing house as a possible way to support networking activities addressing the six key areas of Article 6 and to make progress on the exchange of related information. In addition, it noted that such a clearing house would also provide a useful tool for the development of international cooperation for the implementation of the work programme.
5. Subject to the availability of supplementary funding, the SBI invited the secretariat:
 - (a) To continue work on the development of the clearing house project, taking into account the proposal contained in document FCCC/SBI/2003/4, and the views expressed by Parties;

(b) To report to the SBI, at its nineteenth session, on progress of work, including options for the institutional home of the coordinating entity of the clearing house and detailed financial implications of the development and maintenance of the clearing house;

(c) To develop, by the twenty-first session of the SBI, a prototype of the clearing house.

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at its nineteenth session, a compilation and synthesis of the information received from non-Annex I Parties in their national communications on their activities relating to Article 6, that would, inter alia, identify needs and opportunities that may have arisen.

7. The SBI welcomed the practical activities and programmatic responses to the New Delhi Article 6 work programme presented by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, and the Earth Council. It encouraged them and other United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private and public sectors to continue to support the implementation of the work programme, and invited them to report to the SBI on their related activities through the secretariat.

8. The SBI noted that reporting on activities relating to Article 6 of the Convention should receive particular attention. It invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2003, their views on possible ways to improve reporting in their national communications on activities aimed at implementing the New Delhi Article 6 work programme. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation and synthesis of these views for consideration by the SBI at its nineteenth session.

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