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Organization of the intergovernmental process

Views on the organization of the intergovernmental process

Submissions from Parties

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its twenty-second session, agreed to continue its consideration of the organization of the intergovernmental process at its twenty-fourth session in the context of its review of the arrangements made for convening the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties (COP/MOP 1) in conjunction with the Conference of the Parties (COP) (FCCC/SBI/2005/10, para. 64). The SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 November 2005, their views on possible options for further improvement of the organization of the intergovernmental process
2. The secretariat has received two such submissions. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, these submissions are attached and reproduced* in the language in which they were received and without formal editing.

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PAPER NO. 1: UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES

**SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

Pursuant to the invitation of SBI-22, the United Kingdom on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, is pleased to share some thoughts and suggestions on possible options for further improvements of the organization of the intergovernmental process.

The EU feels that progress can best be made by way of an incremental, two-step approach.

- A **first** step would be clustering and/or merging related agenda-items – this would not only streamline the agenda's but would also decrease the number of contact groups needed to address the items. Another aspect of such a first step would be to work towards longer-term cycles for agenda-items – not all items necessarily require SB consideration twice a year. Moreover, longer-term cycles would provide more time to implement decisions or conclusions at the national and/or regional level.
- Building upon these suggested improvements of agenda-setting, a **second** step would then be to work towards a more systematic multi-year programming of our work.

Aiming to go beyond broad concepts, this submission takes a practical approach by sharing several concrete suggestions on the improved agenda-setting (as part of the first step sketched above). Such suggestions include:

On cycles

1. Research and systematic observation could, if separated, alternate on SBSTA's agenda
2. Items on national communications could appear once a year only, and it may not be necessary to have in-depth reporting and discussions every time.
3. Cooperation with relevant international organisations need not necessarily be discussed at every SBSTA session – once a year would most probably suffice.
4. Reporting by UNFCCC experts groups (LEG, EGTT, CGE) may not be necessary every session. Reporting once a year would most probably suffice and which could then focus on really new elements to be considered by the SBs with the due attention.

On clustering and/or merging

5. Items related to the Kyoto mechanisms may be discussed in one contact group.
6. SBIs review of the functions and operations of the secretariat does not require a separate agenda-item and could be merged with the SBI item on administrative, financial and institutional matters.
7. Status of ratification of the Convention/Protocol need not be on the COP-agenda as an item, but could be simply be included in the opening remarks of the President or the Executive Secretary.
8. More generally, the COP and the COP/MOP should try to ensure that only one contact group is appointed for each agenda item.

PAPER NO. 2: UZBEKISTAN

**Opinion of the Republic of Uzbekistan
on the possible versions of the further improvement of organization
of the inter-governmental process
presented in FCCC/SBI/2005/2 and FCCC/SBI/2005/4 documents**

The Republic of Uzbekistan supports the efforts of Secretariat regarding the improvement of intergovernmental process.

To our opinion, the inter-governmental process does not require the fundamental changes but there the possibilities of the improvement in some areas of the existing system.

We think that one of such areas is a very detailed Agenda for every Session which requires rather condensed time-table of Sessions resulting in complication of the not numerous delegation of our country.

We support the proposal presented in the Note of the Executive Secretary (FCCC/SBI/2005/4) on the set up of the grouped Agenda items or integration of items for the improvement of the Agendas and reduction of the contact groups' number and of the unofficial consultations which provides for the more comprehensive discussion of the matters being considered.

We think it to be expedient to elaborate the long-term programs similar to the New-Delhi program of activities on Article 6 of the Convention and 5-year program of adaptation (which is being elaborated) with 1 time per 2 years reporting and on its completion – submitting the Final Report.

With such option of the organization of work in session period the improvement of the process of preparing for the meetings conduction.

This will be facilitated with the more effective use of inter-session periods and, in particular – conduction of the inter-session workshops.

We also think that the involvement of the maximum number of participants from the Parties (especially from the developing countries and the countries with the economy in transition) is required for the participation in the regional and sub-regional intersession workshops. To our opinion, such way of the strengthening of the experts' potential is the most effective one as it provides for the combination of the training on the new technologies and the exchange of experience. However, the wide participation of the representatives of Parties will require the additional financial resources and sponsor support.

We approve the adoption of the resolution on the Agenda items supported by the group of experts which are usually being considered at each second session of subsidiary bodies being aware that the thematic and detailed documentation will be prepared long before the session start.

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