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## **Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

**Thirty-sixth session**

**Bonn, 14–25 May 2012**

Agenda item 18

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#### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

- A. Eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties**
- B. Eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) expressed its gratitude to the Government of Qatar for its generous offer to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in Doha, Qatar, from 26 November to 7 December 2012. It took note with appreciation of the preparations and efforts being undertaken by the Government of Qatar and the secretariat to convene COP 18 and CMP 8 in order to facilitate the success of those sessions.

2. The SBI noted the challenges that would be presented by convening seven bodies during the two-week sessional period in Doha. It invited all presiding officers, in consultation with the Bureau, to give serious consideration to means for streamlining work while ensuring that all bodies can complete their mandated tasks. The SBI also invited Parties to bear in mind this scheduling challenge as they deliberated on the organization of work during COP 18 and CMP 8.

3. The SBI recommended that arrangements be made to organize the high-level segment from 4 to 7 December such that statements are delivered by ministers, heads of delegation and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

4. The SBI agreed that arrangements be made for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation, with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and also concise statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, with a recommended time limit of two minutes, in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment.

5. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 17 and CMP 7 to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 18 and CMP 8, including arrangements for the high-level segment, in consultation with the President Designate of COP 18 and CMP 8 and the secretariat. The SBI also stressed the importance of the principles of transparency and inclusiveness in the lead-up to and during COP 18 and CMP 8.

**6. Option 1 – If sufficient firm pledges are received**

The SBI noted the agreement of Parties on the importance of additional intersessional resumed sessions of the ad hoc working groups before the Doha Conference. The SBI took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on the provisional preparations for additional intersessional resumed sessions of the ad hoc working groups and noted the critical and urgent need for financial contributions in order that the secretariat can make the necessary arrangements. It invited the Executive Secretary to explore cost-saving measures to facilitate these additional intersessional resumed sessions of the ad hoc working groups to be held from Thursday, 30 August to Wednesday, 5 September 2012, at the United Nations Conference Centre at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand. The SBI invited all presiding officers, in consultation with the Bureau, to give serious consideration to streamlining the work of the ad hoc working groups while ensuring that all bodies can complete their mandated tasks.

The SBI also expressed its appreciation to the Government[s] of [Countries], which [has] [have] already made financial [pledges] [contributions] to support the organization of the additional sessions in 2012, and the Government[s] of [Countries] for [its][their] contribution[s] towards the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process.

**6. bis Option 2 – If sufficient firm pledges are not received by 28 May**

The SBI took note of the range of views presented by Parties on the need for additional intersessional resumed sessions of the ad hoc working groups. The SBI noted the statement by the Executive Secretary on the critical and urgent need for financial contributions or confirmed pledges to enable the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements. It noted that sufficient voluntary contributions had not been confirmed and that in the absence of such contributions or pledges by 28 May 2012 it would not be possible for the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.

7. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 19 and CMP 9 would come from the Eastern European States and the President of COP 20 and CMP 10 would come from the Latin America and Caribbean States. The SBI also noted the ongoing consultations with regard to hosting COP 19 and CMP 9 and urged Parties to come to a conclusion on this issue so that a decision could be taken at COP 18. The SBI also invited Parties to come forward with offers to host future sessions of the COP and the CMP, including COP 20 and CMP 10.

8. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2017 for consideration by the COP at its eighteenth session:

- First sessional period: Wednesday, 10 May to Sunday, 21 May 2017;
- Second sessional period: Wednesday, 29 November to Sunday, 10 December 2017.

9. The SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 November 2012, their views on ways to improve efficiency and effectiveness, planning, as well as the structure of the process to streamline it, including budgetary implications. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile the views in a miscellaneous document and to prepare a synthesis report based on the above-mentioned submissions for consideration at its thirty-eighth session.

10. The SBI welcomed the continued interest by observer organizations in the UNFCCC sessions and recent developments in the practices for the engagement of observer organizations in the UNFCCC process. The SBI also examined, as agreed at its thirty-fourth session, options for new channels for observer organizations to provide formal inputs into the high-level segment of the sessions of the COP and the CMP.<sup>1</sup>

11. The SBI recalled the conclusions from its thirty-fourth session reaffirming the fundamental value of effective participation by observers and the value of contributions from observer organizations to deliberations on substantive issues, while recognizing the recent exponential increase of participants from observer organizations.<sup>2</sup>

12. The SBI suggested that the hosts of future sessions of the COP and the CMP and the secretariat explore the possibility of holding high-level events such as a briefing and a round table with observer organizations, including high-level representatives of the private sector, civil society and other stakeholders,<sup>3</sup> in line with existing practices, during the high-level segment of the COP and the CMP, subject to the availability of financial resources.

13. The SBI recalled the conclusions from its thirty-fourth session agreeing that the existing means of engagement of observer organizations could be further enhanced, in the spirit of fostering openness, transparency and inclusiveness, through various ways as set out in the conclusions<sup>4</sup> and requested the presiding officers, the hosts of future sessions of the COP and the CMP, all Parties and the secretariat to bear in mind these conclusions in engaging stakeholders. The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, at its thirty-eighth session, an update on participation by observer organizations in the UNFCCC process, including on the implementation of the SBI conclusions on this issue from its thirty-fourth session.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As contained in document FCCC/SBI/2012/11, paragraphs 39–46.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 171.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 7, provides a reference to the broad range of stakeholders.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 178.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraphs 175–178.