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# DRAFT REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES ON ITS SIXTH SESSION, HELD AT THE HAGUE FROM 13 TO 25 NOVEMBER 2000

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#### II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 2(a)

- For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 13 November, the 1. Conference of the Parties had before it an information document on the status of ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/CP/2000/INF.1).
- On the invitation of the President, the Conference of the Parties took note with 2. satisfaction that, as at 13 November 2000, 182 States and one regional economic integration organization were Parties to the Convention. The Conference of the Parties was informed that Equatorial Guinea had deposited its instrument of ratification on 16 August 2000 and would become a Party on 14 November. It was also informed that Bosnia and Herzegovina had deposited its instrument of ratification on 7 September 2000 and would thus become a Party on 6 December 2000. That would bring the total number of Parties to 185.
- The Conference of the Parties further took note that, as at 13 November 2000, 30 Parties had ratified or acceded to the Kyoto Protocol; expressed its appreciation to those States that had ratified the Protocol; and invited other States to do so.

### B. Adoption of the rules of procedure

(Agenda item 2 (b))

- At the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 13 November, the President informed the Conference of the Parties that, having received a report from the President of the Conference at its fifth session on his consultations on the draft rules of procedure, he intended to undertake further consultations with a view to achieving resolution on the adoption of the rules of procedure.
- On the proposal of the President, the Conference of the Parties decided that, in the meantime, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure as contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42.

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# C. Adoption of the agenda (Agenda item 2 (c))

For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 13 November, the 6. Conference of the Parties had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/CP/2000/1 and Corr. 1 and Add.1), which had been prepared in agreement with the President of the fifth session of the Conference, and also took into account the views expressed by Parties at the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

- 7. At the same meeting, the President recalled that item 5 of the provisional agenda, "Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraphs 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention", had been included in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied. He informed the Conference of the Parties that the Group of 77 and China had proposed an amendment to the wording of that item. There was as yet no consensus and it was his intention to consider how to deal with the item and report back to the Conference. This was a sensitive subject and he stressed that there would be no surprises. He therefore proposed that the item should be held in abeyance.
- 8. The Conference of the Parties accordingly adopted the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/CP/2000/1 and Corr. 1, on the understanding that item 5 was held in abeyance. The President undertook to consider how to deal with this item and report back to the Conference.

[to be completed]

[Here will appear the text of the agenda, as finally approved]

### D. Status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at the sixth session of the Conference

- 9. At the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 13 November, the Conference was informed that the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 55/12, had admitted the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a "new Member" of the United Nations.
- 10. At that meeting, the Conference decided that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia should be invited to participate as an observer State in the sixth session, pending advice from the Legal Counsel of the United Nations as to the status of the 'new' Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as party to multilateral treaties ratified or acceded to by the "former" Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- 11. At the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting, on 24 November, the Conference was informed that consultations were still under way between the office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and interested Parties on this matter.
- 12. The President indicated that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia would continue to participate as an observer State in the Conference and sessions of its subsidiary bodies, pending receipt of the relevant communication from the Legal Counsel of the United Nations.

## E. Election of officers other than the President

(Agenda item 2 (d)

13. At the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting, on 24 November, on the proposal of the President, the Conference of the Parties elected by acclamation six Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur of the Conference, on the understanding that consultations would continue regarding the remaining (seventh) post of Vice-President. It was also understood that the representative of the host

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country (Morocco) for the seventh Conference of the Parties would participate *ex officio* in the work of the Bureau.

14. The Bureau of the Conference was thus constituted as follows:

#### President

Mr. Jan Pronk (Netherlands)

#### Vice Presidents

Mr. Mr. Mohammed S. Barkindo (Nigeria)

Mr. Philip M. Gwage (Uganda)

Mr. Viacheslav Lipinsky (Ukraine

Mr. Andrej Kranjc (Slovenia)

Mr. Raul Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina)

Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa)

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#### Rapporteur

Mr. Gao Feng (China)

Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway)

Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda)

15. In thus constituting the Bureau, the Conference of the Parties recognized that it was, exceptionally, waiving rule 22 of the draft Rules of Procedures, being applied.

#### F. Admission of organizations as observers

(Agenda item 2 (e))

- 16. For its consideration of this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 13 November, the Conference of the Parties had before it a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers (FCCC/CP/1999/4 and Add.1), listing five intergovernmental organizations and 85 non-governmental organizations that had requested to be admitted as observers. In accordance with a recommendation by the Bureau of the Conference, which had reviewed the list of applicant organizations, the Conference of the Parties decided to admit those organizations as observers.
- 17. At the same meeting, the representative of Malaysia (speaking on behalf of ASEAN members), requested the accreditation of ASEAN as an intergovernmental organization at the present session.

18. At the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting, on 24 November, the Conference of the Parties admitted the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an observer to the sixth session of the Conference.

# G. Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies Agenda item 2 (f))

[to be completed]

# H. <u>Date and venue of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties</u> (Agenda item 2 (g))

[to be completed]

## I. Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, [2001-2004]

(Agenda item 2 (h))

[to be completed]

# J. Adoption of the report on credentials (Agenda item (i))

[to be completed]

#### K. Attendance

19. The sixth session of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent sessions of the subsidiary bodies were attended by representatives of the following .. Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Albania Cyprus Jamaica Algeria Czech Republic Japan Angola Democratic Republic of Jordan Antigua and Barbuda the Congo Kazakhstan Argentina Denmark Kenva Armenia Kiribati Diibouti Dominican Republic Australia Kuwait Austria Ecuador Kyrgyzstan

Azerbaijan Egypt Lao People's Democratic

BahamasEl SalvadorRepublicBangladeshEritreaLatviaBarbadosEstoniaLebanonBelarusEthiopiaLesotho

Belgium European Community Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

**Belize** Fiji Liechtenstein Benin Finland Lithuania Bhutan France Luxembourg Bolivia Gabon Madagascar Malawi Botswana Gambia **Brazil** Georgia Malavsia Bulgaria Germany Maldives Burkina Faso Ghana Mali Burundi Greece Malta

Cambodia Grenada Marshall Islands
Canada Guatemala Mauritania
Cape Verde Guinea Mauritius
Central African Republic Guinea-Bissau Mexico
Chad Guyana Micronesia

Chile Haiti (Federated States of)

China Honduras Monaco Colombia Hungary Mongolia Comoros Iceland Morocco India Congo Mozambique Cook Islands Myanmar Indonesia Costa Rica Iran (Islamic Republic of) Nambia Côte d'Ivoire Ireland Nauru Croatia Israel Nepal Italy **Netherlands** Cuba

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New ZealandSaint Vincent andTogoNicaraguaThe GrenadinesTonga

Niger Samoa Trinidad and Tobago

NigeriaSao Tome and PrincipeTunisiaNiueSaudi ArabiaTurkmenistanNorwaySenegalTuvaluOmanSeychellesUgandaPakistanSierra LeoneUkraine

PalauSingaporeUnited Arab EmiratesPanamaSlovakiaUnited Kingdom of GreatPapua New GuineaSloveniaBritain and Northern

Paraguay Solomon Islands Ireland

Peru South Africa United Republic of

Philippines Spain Tanzania

Poland Sri Lanka United States of America

Portugal Sudan Uruguay Suriname Uzbekistan Oatar Republic of Korea Swaziland Vanuatu Republic of Moldova Sweden Venezuela Romania Viet Nam Switzerland Russian Federation Syrian Arab Republic Yemen Rwanda **Tajikistan** Zambia Thailand Zimbabwe Saint Lucia

- 20. The session was also attended by observers for the following four States: Holy See; Liberia; Turkey; [and Yugoslavia].
- 21. The following United Nations offices and programmes were represented:

Department for Economic and Social Affairs

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Development Programme

**UNDP Global Environment Facility** 

United Nations Environment Programme

Secretariat for the Vienna Convention and its Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OZONE)

Secretariat of the Conventional on Biological Diversity

Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild

Fauna and Flora

**United Nations University** 

United Nations Institute for Training and Research United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification United Nations Fund for International Partnerships Page 8

22. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented:

**International Labour Organization** 

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

International Civil Aviation Organization

World Health Organization

World Bank

World Meteorological Organization

WMO/UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

- 23. The International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Trade Organization were also represented.
- 24. For a list of the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations attending the sixth session of the conference of the Parties, see annex II below.

#### L. Documentation

25. The documents before the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session are listed in annex III below.

#### III. REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(Agenda item 3)

### A. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

(Agenda item 3 (a))

- 26. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting, on 20 November, the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) introduced the reports on the work of the SBSTA at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5) and at the first part of its thirteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/10), and also delivered an oral report to the Conference on the progress made by the SBSTA at the second part of its thirteenth session, held the previous week.<sup>1</sup>
- 27. In relation to the items referred solely to the SBSTA, he said that the SBSTA had agreed to recommend a draft decision under item 7 (a) [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.16] for adoption by the Conference, and to forward draft texts to the Conference for further consideration under agenda items 4(e) [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.15]; 4 (g) [FCCC/SB/2000/CRP.23]; 7 (a) [FCCC/CP/2000/CRP.17]; and 7 (b) [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.11].
- 28. With regard to the items referred jointly to the SBSTA and SBI, he added that the two bodies had agreed to forward draft texts to the Conference for further consideration under agenda items 7 (c) [FCCC/SB/2000/CRP/19, 20, 20/Add.1, 21 and 22]; 7 (e) [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.14]; and 7 (g) [FCCC/CP/2000/CRP.13], noting that the two bodies had agreed on almost all aspects of the text under item 7 (g).
- 29. Also at the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting, on 20 November, the Conference took note of the reports on the work of the SBSTA at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5) and at the first and second parts of its thirteenth session [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/10 and FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.10], and of the oral report of the Chairman of the SBSTA.

### B. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

(Agenda item 3 (b))

30. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting, on 20 November, the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Mr. John W. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda) introduced the reports on the work of the SBI at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/5) and at the first part of its thirteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/10), and also delivered an oral report to the Conference on the progress made by the SBI at the second part of its thirteenth session, held the previous week.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The report of the SBSTA on the second part of its thirteenth session was issued in [FCCC/SBSTA/2000/CRP.10].

The report of the SBI on the second part of its thirteenth session was issued in [FCCC/SBI/2000/CRP.11]

- 31. He referred, first, to the draft decision entitled "Solidarity with southern African countries, particularly with Mozambique" (FCCC/SBI/2000/5, annex II), which the SBI at its twelfth session had recommended to the Conference of the Parties for adoption under item 10; and to the recommendation of the SBI, also at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/5, paragraph 43 (f)), concerning dates for the first and second sessional periods in 2004, under agenda item 2 (h).
- 32. At the first part of its thirteenth session, the SBI had also recommended two decisions for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session: one under item 10 on the date and venue of the seventh session of the COP (FCCC/CP/2000/1/Add.1, annex I); and the other an omnibus decision on administrative and financial matters (FCCC/CP/2000/1/Add.1, annex II) under item 8.
- 33. In relation to other items referred solely to the SBI at the second part of its thirteenth session, he indicated that the SBI had recommended to the Conference for adoption draft conclusions under item 4 (a) [FCCC/SBI/2000/CRP.14], and a draft decision under item 4 (b) [FCCC/SBI/2000/L.5], and had also agreed to forward draft texts to the Conference for further consideration under agenda item 4 (c) [FCCC/SBI/2000/CRP.15 and CRP.16/Rev.1].
- 34. Concerning the items referred jointly to the SBSTA and SBI, he noted that the two bodies had agreed to forward draft texts to the Conference for further consideration under agenda items 4 (d) [FCCC/SB/2000/CRP.16 and 17]; 7 (d) [FCCC/SB/2000/CRP.15/Rev.2]; and 7 (f) [FCCC/SB/2000/CRP.18].
- 35. Also at the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting, on 20 November, the Conference took note of the reports on the work of the SBI at its twelfth session [FCCC/SBI/2000/5] and at the first and second parts of its thirteenth session [FCCC/SBI/2000/10 and FCCC/SBI/2000/CRP.11], and of the oral report of the Chairman of the SBI.

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