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REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK, 1996-1997

Revised programme of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its first session, by its decision 1/SBI.1, paragraph 2, requested the secretariat to revise the scheduling of the programme of work in the light of the results of the first session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) (see FCCC/SBI/1995/5, annex).
2. The revised programme of work of the SBI now takes into account the conclusions of the first session of the SBSTA, and the attached text reproduces only those aspects of document FCCC/SBI/1995/2 that have been affected by the revision. The present text should be read in conjunction with the afore-mentioned document.
3. Entirely new text is shown in italics; paragraph numbers in the attached annex are those of corresponding paragraphs in document FCCC/SBI/1995/2.

Annex

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION: REVISED PROGRAMME OF WORK

I. GENERAL ORIENTATION

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A. Schedule of sessions

3. The programme of work of the SBI will have to be carried out in the context of the following schedule of meetings, as proposed by the Bureau of the COP, taking account of decision 6/CP.1, paragraphs 8 and 9, the availability of conference services and the scheduling of COP 2 and COP 3. The current schedule will be kept under review by the Bureau of the COP.

SBI 1: 31 August - 1 September 1995, Geneva

SBI 2: During the week 27 February - 4 March 1996, Geneva

SBI 3: During the period of COP 2, 8-19 July 1996, Geneva

SBI 4: During the week 21-25 October 1996

SBI 5: During the week 10-14 March 1997

SBI 6: Immediately preceding COP 3

II. ELEMENTS OF THE REVISED PROGRAMME OF WORK

A. Communications from Annex I Parties

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B. Communications from non-Annex I Parties

Product or task

9. The SBI, with the SBSTA, will provide advice to the COP on matters relating to communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Mandate

10. The SBI will provide such advice pursuant to decision 8/CP.1 on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Activities

*11-12. At its third session, immediately preceding COP 2, the SBI could take up the issue of communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention. A compilation of inputs from Parties on this subject will be available at SBI 2. Liaison with the SBSTA would be important. The secretariat has prepared draft guidelines for consideration by SBSTA 2, and it is envisaged that if the SBSTA should reach conclusions on the guidelines during the second session, the SBI could take up its own discussions on the consideration of communication at SBI 2. If necessary a further discussion could take place at SBI 3. This would enable proposals to be submitted to COP 2 in accordance with decision 8/CP.1 and thereby facilitate the preparation of these communications which will begin to come due on 21 March 1997.*

13. The SBI could be expected to have a role in implementing any decision of COP 2 relating to the consideration of these communications, and to report accordingly to the COP. Such a role would take account of the function of the SBI to consider information communicated by all Parties under Article 12.1.

C. Allocation and control of emissions from international bunker fuels

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D. Matters relating to the financial mechanism

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E. Transfer of technology

Product or task

23. The SBI will provide advice to the COP on transfer of technology.

Mandate

24. The SBI will provide such advice pursuant to decision 6/CP.1, annex I, paragraph 3 (a).

Activities

25. In view of the above-mentioned mandate, the overall responsibility of the SBI to advise on the implementation of the Convention, and the need to avoid duplication of work between the SBSTA and the SBI, *both subsidiary bodies agreed at their first session that the SBI, rather than the SBSTA as provided for in decision 13/CP.1, should take up the following aspects of the reports relating to transfer of technology as requested from the secretariat by decision 13/CP.1:*

(a) The SBI would consider the itemized progress report on concrete measures taken by Parties listed in Annex II to the Convention, with respect to their commitments relating to the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and know-how for the first time at SBI 2; and

(b) The SBI would consider the aspect of the inventory of technologies report relating to the "terms of transfer".

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