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**REPORT ON THE SESSION**

**Draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its tenth session**

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## I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The tenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, from 31 May to 11 June 1999.
2. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 31 May 1999, the Chairman of the SBI, Mr. Bakary Kanté (Senegal), opened the session and welcomed all delegates and observers to the tenth session of the SBI. In welcoming the participants, he recalled that the current session was the first session of the SBI since the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at which the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (decision 1/CP.4) was adopted. He recalled the series of work programmes in the Plan of Action for ensuring the further implementation of the Convention, and for laying the groundwork for the future implementation of the Kyoto Protocol. The Chairman stressed the need for the SBI to be flexible and invited the cooperation of all delegations, in order for detailed and productive discussions to take place on all the issues contained in the agenda. He also urged all Parties to aim at agreeing on decisions to be recommended to the COP at its fifth session in the spirit of moving the intergovernmental process forward. In conclusion, he extended a special welcome to the officers of the SBI Bureau: Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat (Iran) as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Klaus Radunsky (Austria), as Rapporteur. He expressed his wish for a successful outcome of the session.
3. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), on 31 May, a statement was made by the Executive Secretary, addressed to both the SBI and the SBSTA (for summary, see FCCC/SBSTA/1999/L.1).
4. At the joint meeting of the SBSTA and the SBI, held on 1 June, general statements were made by five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the African Group, one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

5. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 31 May, the SBI considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBI/1999/1.
6. The Chairman noted that, following consultations with the Bureau, the provisional agenda did not include items on the second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b), the review of information and possible decisions under Article 4.2(f), and the matter of Turkey requesting to have its name deleted from Annexes I and II of the Convention. The Chairman

informed the SBI that the President of COP 4 or her nominee would conduct informal consultations on the last-mentioned matter, during the tenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies in order to advance the discussions at COP 5, and that the other two items were included in the current list of elements for the provisional agenda of COP 5, as contained in document FCCC/SBI/1999/2, annex I. He also informed Parties that they could undertake informal consultations on these matters during the current session in preparation for discussions at the eleventh session.

7. The Chairman, having consulted with the Chairman of the SBSTA, proposed that the report of the secretariat on the feasibility of data comparisons ( FCCC/TP/1999/2) be discussed first in the SBSTA, as it was relevant to the latter's discussions under its provisional agenda item 4(b) on the review process related to greenhouse gas inventories. The SBI agreed to consider the issue upon referral from the SBSTA.

8. The Chairman also informed Parties of the proposal by Kazakhstan to amend Annex I to the Convention, a proposal that had been communicated to Parties in a note verbale by the Executive Secretary. The SBI noted that, in accordance with Article 15.2, this proposal would be put on the provisional agenda for COP 5.

9. The SBI agreed to amend provisional agenda item 3 by including a new sub-item (d), to read "Matters referred by the SBSTA". It also agreed to amend sub-items 4(b) and (c) to read, "Input from Parties to the Global Environmental Facility review of enabling activities", and "Matters related to the consideration of non-Annex I Party communications", respectively.

10. Statements were made by representatives of five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China , after which the SBI adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of the work of the session
3. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
  - (a) Annual inventories of national greenhouse gas data for 1996;
  - (b) Reporting on technology transfer and financial assistance;
  - (c) Future review process, including that under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
  - (d) Matters referred by the SBSTA.

4. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
  - (a) Provision of financial and technical support;
  - (b) Input from Parties to the Global Environment Facility review of enabling activities;
  - (c) Matters related to the consideration of non-Annex I Party communications;
  - (d) Timing of second national communications.
5. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol): Programme of work.
6. Procedures and mechanisms related to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol: Organizational matters related to the joint working group.
7. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
8. Mechanisms pursuant to Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol.
9. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
  - (a) Improving the intergovernmental process;
  - (b) Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;
  - (c) Conference of the Parties at its sixth session;
  - (d) Calendar of meetings.
10. Administrative and financial matters:
  - (a) Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;
  - (b) Income and budget performance in the biennium 1998-1999;
  - (c) Arrangements for administrative support to the Convention;
  - (d) Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations.
11. Other matters.
12. Report on the session.

#### **B. Organization of the work of the session**

(Agenda item 2 (b))

11. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 31 May. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/1.

12. The Chairman drew attention to the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/SBI/1999/1, annex II, noting that it should be used as a guide, and might be modified as necessary, to reflect the pace of progress.

13. The Chairman pointed out that, in order to manage the heavy workload, the schedule anticipated that work on a number of items could be concluded by the end of the first week.

14. The secretariat informed the SBI that applications for accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies had recently been received from one intergovernmental and 12 non-governmental organizations. These applications had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and, in accordance with the procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations as observers, the SBI agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBI, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its fifth session.

### **III. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 3)

#### **A. Annual inventories of national greenhouse gas data for 1996**

(Agenda item 3 (a))

##### 1. Proceedings

15. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/1999/5 and Add.1.

16. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

##### 2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

#### **B. Reporting on technology transfer and financial assistance**

(Agenda item 3 (b))

##### 1. Proceedings

17. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/1 and Add.2, and FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.2.



18. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**C. Future review process, including that under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol**  
(Agenda item 3 (c))

1. Proceedings

19. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup>, and \_ meetings, on 2 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/6 and FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.2.

20. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**D. Matters referred by the SBSTA**  
(Agenda item 3 (d))

1. Proceedings

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**IV. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED  
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 4)

**A. Provision of financial and technical support**  
(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

21. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and \_ meetings, on 31 May, and 1 and \_ June, respectively. The body had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.3, and FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.4.

22. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**B. Input from Parties to the Global Environment Facility review of enabling activities**

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

23. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and #<sup>th</sup> meetings, on 31 May, 1 June and \_ June. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.2.

24. Statements were made by representatives of # Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**C. Matters related to the consideration of non-Annex I Party communications**

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and \_ meetings, on 31 May and \_ June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.1.

26. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**D. Timing of second national communications**

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

27. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and \_ meetings, on 31 May and \_ June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.1.

28. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**V. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 9, OF THE CONVENTION (DECISION 3/CP.3 AND ARTICLES 2.3 AND 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL): PROGRAMME OF WORK**

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

29. The SBI considered this item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 31 May. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.6.

30. The SBI agreed that a group of friends of the Chairmen of the SBI and the SBSTA be convened to develop terms of reference for the expert workshop envisaged in the annex (programme of work) to decision 5/CP.4, to be conducted by Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat (Iran), Vice-Chairman of the SBI on behalf of the Chairmen. Mr. Salamat would report on the outcome of these consultations to the SBSTA under its agenda item 9.

2. Conclusions

31. The SBI decided that the terms of reference for the expert workshop should reflect the elements identified in decision 5/CP.4.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The terms of reference for the expert workshop are contained in annex II to the draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its tenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/L.1)

32. In accordance with that decision, the SBI would consider the report of the expert workshop at its eleventh session.

**VI. PROCEDURES AND MECHANISMS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE JOINT WORKING GROUP**

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

33. This item was considered by the SBI at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and \_ meetings, which were held jointly with the SBSTA, on 1 and \_ June, respectively. The subsidiary bodies had before them documents FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.4 and Add.1-2.

34. At the joint meeting held on 1 June, the Chairman of the SBI reported on the informal consultations on matters related to compliance which had been convened by the subsidiary body Chairmen on 31 May in response to a request contained in decision 8/CP.4. The Chairman noted that agreement had been reached to designate Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) and Mr. Espen Ronneberg (Marshall Islands) as the Co-Chairs of the joint working group on compliance established by decision 8/CP.4. Substantive discussion would be referred to the joint working group, which would be convened by the designated Co-Chairs. The report of the group is contained in annex II to this report.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VII. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY UNDER THE PILOT PHASE**

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

35. This item was considered by the SBI at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings, which were held jointly with the SBSTA, on 1 and \_ June, respectively. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the African Group, one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The subsidiary bodies had before them the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/INF.1 and FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.1 and Add.1.

36. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 1 June, the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies invited Mr. Jos Delbeke (European Commission) and Ms. Margaret Mukahanana (Zimbabwe) to assist them in conducting informal consultations on this item.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VIII. MECHANISMS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 6, 12 AND 17 OF  
THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

37. This item was considered by the SBI at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings, which were held jointly with the SBSTA, on 1 and \_ June, respectively. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and 10 Central and Eastern European States, and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The subsidiary bodies had before them the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/4, FCCC/SB/1999/INF.2 and Add.1-3, and FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.3 and Add.1, Add. 2 and Corr.1 and Add.3.

38. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 1 June, the subsidiary bodies decided to consider this issue by way of a joint contact group, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the SBSTA.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**IX. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

(Agenda item 9)

**A. Improving the intergovernmental process**

(Agenda item 9 (a))

1. Proceedings

39. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> \_ and \_ meetings on 1 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/2.

40. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**B. Conference of the Parties at its fifth session**

(Agenda item 9 (b))

1. Proceedings

41. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> \_ and \_ meetings, on 1 and \_ June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/2.

42. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**C. Conference of the Parties at its sixth session**

(Agenda item 9 (c))

1. Proceedings

43. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> \_ and \_ meetings, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/2.

44. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**D. Calendar of meetings**

(Agenda item 9 (d))

1. Proceedings

45. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> \_ and \_ meetings, on 1 and \_ June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/2.

46. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**X. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(Agenda item 10)

**A. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

(Agenda item 10 (a))

1. Proceedings

47. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2, 3 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/1999/4 and Add.1.

48. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**B. Income and budget performance in the biennium 1998-1999**

**C. Arrangements for administrative support to the Convention**

(Agenda items 10 (b) and 10 (c))

1. Proceedings

49. The SBI considered these sub-items together at its 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2, 3 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/1999/3 and FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.5.

50. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**D. Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations**

(Agenda item 10 (d))

1. Proceedings

51. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2 and \_ June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/7.

52. Statements were made by representatives of \_ Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**XI. OTHER MATTERS**

(Agenda item 11)

1. Proceedings

53. The SBI considered this item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and \_ meetings, on 2 and \_ June, respectively.

2. Conclusions

54. The SBI expressed its appreciation to those Parties that have signed and ratified the Kyoto Protocol or acceded thereto, and urged other signatories to ratify the Protocol as soon as possible so that it might enter into force. The SBI invited Parties that have not signed the Protocol to accede to it, and those that have signed to inform the secretariat of the expected timing of their ratification, and requested the Executive Secretary to submit that information to the forthcoming session of the Conference of the Parties.

**XII. REPORT ON THE SESSION**

(Agenda item 12)

1. Proceedings

55. At its \_ meeting, on \_ June, the SBI considered the draft report on the work of its tenth session (FCCC/SBI/1999/L.1).

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]



Annex I

**DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FIFTH SESSION**

[to be completed]

Annex II

**REPORT OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON COMPLIANCE**

[to be completed]

Annex III

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION AT ITS TENTH SESSION**

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