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¹ The annexes will be included in the final version of the report to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBSTA/1997/14.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Beethovenhalle, Bonn, from 20 to 29 October 1997.
2. At the 1st meeting on 20 October 1997, the Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Tibor Faragó (Hungary), opened the session and welcomed all delegates as well as observers from non-Parties, United Nations bodies and organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and wished the participants a successful session. He urged delegates to make efficient use of the time allocated and to conclude the negotiations in a timely manner. He further noted that this was the last session of the SBSTA before the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3) and, therefore, the last opportunity for the SBSTA to make recommendations for decisions to be adopted at COP 3.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 20 October 1997, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/1997/7, and 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;
 - (c) Preparations by the SBSTA for the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3).
 3. Co-operation with relevant international organizations.
 4. National communications:
 - (a) Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
 5. Methodological issues.
 6. Development and transfer of technologies:

- (a) Programme of work;
 - (b) Activities by Annex II Parties regarding the transfer of technologies.
7. Roster of experts.
 8. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
 9. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2 (b))

4. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 20 October, during which the Chairman recalled the need to start on time as otherwise services for interpretation would be lost. Services would be available for one morning and one afternoon meeting with interpretation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Chairman recalled that an informal meeting with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the Third Assessment Report (TAR) was scheduled for the afternoon of 22 October.

5. The SBSTA agreed to the Chairman's proposal to amend the suggested approach to the organization of work contained in the annotations to the provisional agenda (FCCC/SBSTA/1997/7) by taking up additional items at its first meeting. It also agreed to set up groups to discuss two agenda items in informal consultations.

6. The Chairman informed the SBSTA that applications for observer status from three intergovernmental and 21 non-governmental organizations 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 (see document FCCC/SB/1997/INF.4). The SBSTA agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBSTA, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its third session.

7. The SBSTA also agreed to the Chairman's proposal to follow the recommendations on the division of labour between the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) that were adopted by both bodies at their sixth sessions, and consequently to allow one body to take overall responsibility in considering an issue. Specific inputs from the other body would be obtained by establishing informal joint drafting groups.

C. Preparations by the SBSTA for the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3)

(Agenda item 2 (c))

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D. Attendance

[to be completed]

E. Documentation

8. The documents prepared for the seventh session of the SBSTA, as well as other documents which were made available, are listed in annex II below.

III. CO-OPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

9. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and -- meetings, on 24 and -- October, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/8 and FCCC/SBSTA/1997/MISC.6.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Agenda item 4)

A. Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

10. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and 3rd meetings, on 20 and 24 October respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/13; FCCC/SB/1997/6; FCCC/SBI/1997/19 and Add.1; and FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.4. Statements were made by representatives of 8 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

11. At its 3rd meeting, on 24 October, having considered a proposal made by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of the documents prepared by the secretariat related to this agenda sub-item, in particular, an annex on methodological issues contained in document FCCC/SBI/1997/19. It invited Parties to submit to the secretariat by 15 March 1998 their views on possible approaches aimed at resolving those methodological issues, and requested the secretariat to compile them for consideration at its eighth session.

(b) The SBSTA recalled decision 9/CP.2, requesting Annex I Parties to submit their national inventory data on an annual basis by 15 April of each year. In addition, the SBSTA invited Annex I Parties to make available to the secretariat by 6 June 1998, for purposes of comparison and transparency, their complete 1996 GHG inventories obtained using, when possible, best available methodologies and those obtained using the current IPCC default methodologies. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to draw upon the roster of experts to analyse and compare the results and assess the adequacy of information and the implications for meeting emissions limitation or reduction objectives, and to make them available for its ninth session.

(c) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at its ninth session, a document listing methodological issues identified by the secretariat while processing national greenhouse gas inventories and in the course of in-depth reviews, taking into account the submissions from Parties.

(d) The SBSTA agreed to consider at its ninth session what, if any, additions and/or amendments to the revised UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties would be required, taking into account the results of the above-mentioned activities, together with inputs from other bodies, such as the IPCC.

(e) The SBSTA forwarded to the SBI a text for inclusion as operative paragraph 1 of a draft decision on this sub-item to be recommended by the SBI for adoption by the COP at its third session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/1997/L.7).

B. Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

12. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 20 October. It noted that, as was indicated in the annotations to the provisional agenda (FCCC/SBSTA/1997/7, para. 18), in view of the agreed division of labour, this item would be discussed by the SBI. Since there were no methodological issues under this sub-item that needed to be addressed at the current session, there was, therefore, no need for an input from the SBSTA.

V. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

13. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd, 3rd and -- meetings, on 21, 24 and -- October, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/9 and FCCC/1997/TP/2.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VI. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 6)

A. Programme of work

(Agenda item 6 (a))

1. Proceedings

14. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and -- meetings, on 21 and -- October, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/10, FCCC/SBSTA/1997/INF.5 and FCCC/TP/1997/3.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Activities by Annex II Parties regarding the transfer of technologies

(Agenda item 6 (b))

1. Proceedings

15. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and -- meetings, on 21 and -- October, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/1997/13.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. ROSTER OF EXPERTS

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1st, 2nd, 3rd and -- meetings, on 20, 21, 24 and -- October, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/11 and FCCC/SBSTA/1997/INF.6.

2. Conclusions

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

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

17. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1st, 3rd and -- meetings, on 20, 24 and -- October, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1997/12 and Corr.1 and 2, and Add.1, and FCCC/SBSTA/1997/INF.3.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IX. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 9)

18. At its -- meeting, on -- October, the SBSTA considered the draft report on the work of its seventh session (FCCC/SBSTA/1997/CRP.4).

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19. At the same meeting, the Chairman, after thanking all participants for their constructive co-operation, declared the seventh session of the SBSTA closed.
