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REPORT ON THE SESSION

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on its eighteenth session**

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List of documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its eighteenth session

¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under symbol FCCC/SBSTA/2003/10.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eighteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany, from 4 to 13 June 2003.
2. The Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Halldor Thorgeirsson (Iceland), opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He welcomed Mr. Arthur Rolle (Bahamas) as Vice-Chair of the SBSTA and Ms. Tatyana Ososkova (Uzbekistan) as Rapporteur of the SBSTA.
3. Mr. Thorgeirsson then gave the floor to Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC. During her opening statement, Ms. Waller-Hunter mentioned that the Convention is at a turning point at which the SBSTA must set the course for its future work programme. She stressed the need to complete unfinished business on the Kyoto Protocol at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). She invited the SBSTA to take note of the budget discussion in the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and to ensure consistency in requests for future work and availability of resources. Following this, the Chair of the SBSTA suggested that the SBSTA takes a strategic look at where it stands and where it needs to go to stay responsive to the needs of the Convention. He thanked the secretariat for its competent work and assistance.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. At its 1st meeting, on 4 June, the SBSTA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/1). At the same meeting, the SBSTA adopted the agenda without amendment:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
 3. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:
 - (a) Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change;
 - (b) Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.
 4. Methodological issues:
 - (a) Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) Issues relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Issues relating to reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;

- (d) Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (e) Good practice guidance and other information on land use, land-use change and forestry;
 - (f) Emissions resulting from fuel used in international aviation and maritime transportation.
- 5. Development and transfer of technologies.
 - 6. "Good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
 - 7. Research and systematic observation.
 - 8. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
 - 9. Other matters:
 - (a) Issues relating to cleaner or less-greenhouse-gas-emitting energy;
 - (b) Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Any other matters.
 - 10. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 4 June. At the same meeting, Parties were informed of the status of documentation, the application for provisional accreditation to the sessions of subsidiary bodies by 17 non-governmental organizations and the suggested schedule of work.

**III. THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

(Agenda item 3)

A. Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change

(Agenda item 3 (a))

B. Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

6. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/2 and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.2 and Add.1.

7. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Walid Al-Malik (United Arab Emirates) and Mr. David Warrilow (United Kingdom). At the xx meeting, the co-chairs reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 4)

A. Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.3 and Add.1.

9. At its 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway). At the xx meeting, Mr. Dovland reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Issues relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

10. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/3, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.5 and Add.1, and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.4.

Issues relating to guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8

11. At its 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Newton Paciornik (Brazil) and Ms. Helen Plume (New Zealand). At the xx meeting, the co-chairs reported on these consultations.

Issues relating to registries under Article 7.4

12. At the 1st meeting, Mr. Murray Ward (New Zealand), who had been requested by the Chair of the SBSTA to chair the intersessional consultations on registries, reported on the consultations held on 2 June 2003 in Bonn. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of issues relating to registries under Article 7.4 during the session in informal consultations convened by the Chair

of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Ward. At the xx meeting, Mr. Ward reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Issues relating to reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

13. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/3 and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.2, issued under sub-item 4 (b).

14. At its 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the co-chairs of the contact group on sub-item 4 (b) and the secretariat, and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

15. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/4, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/5, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/6, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/7, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/8, FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.5, and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.22 and Add. 1–4 and Add.5 and Corr.1.

16. At its 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Thelma Krug (Brazil) and Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany). At the xx meeting, the co-chairs reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

E. Good practice guidance and other information on land use, land-use change and forestry

(Agenda item 4 (e))

1. Proceedings

17. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.1 and Add.1.

18. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Ms. Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe (Zimbabwe) and Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway). At the xx meeting, the convenors reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

F. Emissions resulting from fuel used in international aviation and maritime transportation

(Agenda item 4 (f))

1. Proceedings

19. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.3.

20. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Greg Terrill (Australia). At the xx meeting, Mr. Terrill reported on these consultations.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

V. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

21. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.4 and FCCC/TP/2003/2.

22. At the 3rd meeting, Mr. William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu (Ghana), Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT), reported on the results of the third meeting of the EGTT, held on 30 and 31 May 2003 in Bonn. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Terry Carrington (United Kingdom) and Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago). At the xx meeting, the convenors reported on these consultations.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VI. "GOOD PRACTICES" IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES
INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

23. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/7/Add.2.

24. At its 3rd meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Richard Muyungi (Tanzania) and Mr. Greg Terrill (Australia). At the xx meeting, the co-chairs reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. RESEARCH AND SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATION

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/9.

26. At the 3rd meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA, who had chaired the pre-sessional consultations on the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) held on 2 June 2003 in Bonn, reported on the consultations. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Stefan Rösner (Germany) and Mr. S.N. Sok Appadu (Mauritius). At the xx meeting, the co-chairs reported on these consultations.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VIII. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

27. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.7 and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.6.

28. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IX. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 9)

A. Issues relating to cleaner or less-greenhouse-gas-emitting energy

(Agenda item 9 (a))

1. Proceedings

29. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.7.

30. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the xx meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA reported on these consultations.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 9 (b))

1. Proceedings

31. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. No new document was produced for this item. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the xx meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Any other matters

(Agenda item 9 (c))

1. Proceedings

32. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 10)

33. At its xx meeting, on 13 June, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its eighteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.1). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chair.

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