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A. Twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties

**B. Second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties
to the Kyoto Protocol**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) expressed its thanks to the Government of Kenya for its generous offer to host the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 2). It noted with appreciation the preparations being made by the Government of Kenya and the secretariat to convene COP 12 and COP/MOP 2 in Nairobi, Kenya, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri Complex, from 6 to 17 November 2006. The SBI also noted that additional investments in infrastructure will be required to accommodate the conference and invited Parties in a position to do so to support the Government of Kenya in this important undertaking.

2. The SBI endorsed the dates of 15–17 November 2006 for the high-level segment of COP 12 and COP/MOP 2 to be attended by ministers and other heads of delegation. The SBI also recommended that national statements be the mode for exchanges among ministers and other heads of delegation in the joint meetings of the COP and COP/MOP during the high-level segment. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 11 to finalize the details of the high-level segment in collaboration with the secretariat and the President-designate of COP 12.

3. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 12 and COP/MOP 2.
4. The SBI endorsed the dates of 6–14 November for the sessions of the three subsidiary bodies and agreed that the sessional period will include the second workshop under the dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention.
5. The SBI requested presiding officers and the secretariat to schedule evening meetings so as to enable all participants to leave the premises before a given time. The SBI recommended that meetings should normally end by 6 p.m. but may, in exceptional circumstances, continue no later than 9 p.m. The increased pressure on meeting time arising from the new processes established under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol was noted with concern. The SBI endorsed the principle that measures to use meeting time more efficiently should be introduced and noted with appreciation the willingness of Parties to be flexible and disciplined in this regard. The SBI encouraged limiting the time for statements in plenary.
6. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 11, in collaboration with the secretariat and the President-designate of COP 12, to finalize the arrangements for the sessional period.

C. Future sessional periods

7. The SBI noted that COP 13 and COP/MOP 3 would be convened during the sessional period from 3 to 14 December 2007. The SBI also noted that the secretariat had not received any offers from Parties to host COP 13 and COP/MOP 3. It urged Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 13 and COP/MOP 3, so that an appropriate decision could be adopted at COP 12. It also noted that, in keeping with the rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 13 would come from the Asian Group.
8. The SBI recommended the dates of 6–17 June and 28 November to 9 December for the sessional periods in 2001 for adoption by the COP at its twelfth session.
9. The SBI invited Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 14 and COP/MOP 4, so that a decision could be taken at COP 13 or earlier. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 14 would come from the Eastern European Group.

D. Review of arrangements for the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

10. The SBI confirmed that its recommended arrangements for the first session of the COP/MOP held in conjunction with the COP¹ proved successful and requested the secretariat to use such arrangements as a framework for COP 12 and COP/MOP 2.

E. Organization of the intergovernmental process

11. The SBI recalled its previous consideration of possible options for further improvements to the organization of the intergovernmental process, particularly those highlighted during the workshop convened in conjunction with SBI 21 (FCCC/SBI/2005/2).

¹ FCCC/SBI/2003/8, paragraph 44, and decision 36/CMP.1.

12. The SBI agreed that measures could be introduced to improve the overall organization of the intergovernmental process and recommended:
- (a) Differentiating the topics under the research and systematic observation item and considering them in the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on an alternating basis;
 - (b) Considering national communications only once a year, preferably during the first sessional period;
 - (c) Considering cooperation with relevant international organizations only once a year in the SBSTA, preferably during the first sessional period;
 - (d) Considering the reports by UNFCCC expert groups only once a year, preferably during the first sessional period.
13. The SBI confirmed that the provisions of paragraph 12 above would not affect the inclusion of relevant items in the provisional agendas of the COP and the COP/MOP.
14. The SBI concluded that these steps should be operationalized starting with the second sessional period in 2006, where feasible and taking into account previously agreed conclusions and decisions. The SBI agreed to review progress on these measures at its thirtieth session (June 2009).
15. The SBI encouraged the holding of meetings under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol generally during normal United Nations Headquarters working hours, whenever possible.
