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COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the secretariat on its cooperation with international organizations. It agreed to invite more international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to make progress on their work of relevance to the Convention and to provide reports to the SBSTA.
2. The SBSTA took note of the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) relating to the Convention. In particular, it noted with appreciation the work initiated in the preparation of special reports on: (i) emission scenarios; (ii) methodological and technical issues in technology transfer; and (iii) aviation and the global atmosphere, as well as the preparation of the Third Assessment Report. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to take into account the comments made by Parties on the structure and contents of the Third Assessment Report, and contained in documents FCCC/SBSTA/1997/MISC.4 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.1, when scoping this report.
3. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), on behalf of the organizations participating in the Climate Agenda, related to the preparation of the comprehensive report on the development of the observational networks of the climate system, as requested by decision 8/CP.3. The SBSTA recognized the deteriorating situation of the observational networks of the climate system and urged Parties to give high priority to reversing the decline and introducing improvements. It invited the organizations participating in the Climate Agenda to complete the comprehensive report and to make it available for consideration by the SBSTA at its ninth session.
4. The SBSTA took note of the report presented by the Executive Director of the International Geosphere Biosphere Programme (IGBP). It expressed appreciation for the information and suggested that the IGBP continue to make available relevant information for its use in the future.

5. The SBSTA noted the statement made by the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on the role of UNEP as set out in the Programme for Further Implementation of Action of the nineteenth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, that is, to develop coherent interlinkages among conventions with a view to promoting their effective implementation, and to provide substantive support to conventions, *inter alia*, in the scientific assessment of the ecological linkages among them and in raising public awareness. The SBSTA observed that this role is to be carried out in a manner consistent with the provisions of the respective conventions and the decisions of their conferences of the parties and in full cooperation with the conferences of the parties (General Assembly S-19/2, paragraphs 119 and 123).

6 The SBSTA noted the statements made by the Executive Director of UNEP and the Executive Secretary at its 2nd meeting, held jointly with the SBI on 2 June, with regard to possible inputs by UNEP to the work of the Convention bodies on the implementation of the Convention and on preparations for the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol. It recalled that decisions on such inputs are the prerogative of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies in accordance with the Convention and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties. Such inputs would be welcome if they responded to specific requests from the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies for scientific and technical advice. The SBSTA invited the Executive Director of UNEP to consult the Chairman of the IPCC and the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC in responding to any such requests.

7. The SBSTA noted that the programme of work of the IPCC will provide the Convention process with scientific and technical advice and other material on a number of matters directly relevant to the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, as well as on matters that cut across these climate change instruments and other legal instruments such as the Vienna Convention and its Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification. Such information from the IPCC will be contained in its Third Assessment Report, and other reports, including information on land-use change and forestry and on the use of economic instruments. The SBSTA considered that such reports will be adequate for the foreseeable scientific and technical needs of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol in these areas. It invited UNEP, as one of the parent bodies of the IPCC, in collaboration with other competent international bodies, to strengthen its budgetary, scientific and technical contribution to the IPCC process.

8. The SBSTA welcomed the readiness of UNEP to strengthen its efforts to raise awareness about climate change, the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, in response to Article 6 of the UNFCCC. It noted that this work will be carried out in close collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat and other United Nations bodies, and will draw upon IPCC outputs. It requested the Executive Secretary to keep it informed of progress achieved. The SBSTA decided to review its cooperation with UNEP at its tenth session.

9. The SBSTA encouraged the secretariat to continue, maintain and strengthen its coordination and collaboration with relevant international organizations.
