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Agenda item 9 (a–e)

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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair of the contact group
on agenda item 9 (a–e)**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its twentieth session, considered the information on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings contained in document FCCC/SBI/2004/4, and the information on promoting effective participation in the Convention process contained in document FCCC/SBI/2004/5 and took note of the views expressed by Parties.

A. Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties

2. The SBI expressed its thanks to the Government of Argentina for its generous offer to host the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10). It noted with appreciation the preparations being made by the Government of Argentina and the secretariat to convene COP 10 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 6 to 17 December 2004.

3. The SBI recognized that the year 2004 will mark the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention and recommended that the tenth anniversary serve as the central theme for COP 10.

4. The SBI considered arrangements for COP 10 in the event that the Kyoto Protocol had not yet entered into force. The SBI endorsed the dates of 15–17 December for the high-level segment to be attended by ministers and other heads of delegation.

5. The SBI recommended that panel discussions be the mode for exchanges during the high-level segment. Panels would consist of ministers and other heads of delegation. Panel members would initiate an interactive dialogue with other ministers and heads of delegation. There should be a balanced representation among panel members, taking into account geographical representation and diversity of points of view. The high-level segment should also provide an opportunity, on request, for statements in

the opening ceremony, but it is recognized that Parties will be expected to contribute mainly through their participation in the panel discussions.

6. The SBI recognized that two panels may need to be held in parallel and recommended that the panels have the following themes:

- The Convention after 10 years: accomplishments and future challenges
- Impacts of climate change, adaptation measures and sustainable development
- Technology and climate change
- Mitigation of climate change: policies and their impacts.

7. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 9, in collaboration with the secretariat and the Government of Argentina, to take note of the views expressed by Parties and to give further consideration to the details and format of the high-level segment, in keeping with the foregoing conclusions.

8. The SBI requested the Executive Secretary to take note of views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agenda for COP 10.

B. Future sessional periods

9. The SBI noted that the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) would be convened during the period 7–18 November 2005. The SBI also noted that the secretariat had not received any offers from Parties to host COP 11. It urged Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 11, so that an appropriate decision can be taken at COP 10.

10. The SBI took note of the proposed dates for the 2009 sessional periods (1 to 12 June 2009 and 30 November to 11 December 2009) contained in document FCCC/SBI/2004/4. The SBI recommended the proposed dates for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.

C. Organization of the intergovernmental process

11. The SBI reviewed the general state of the organization of the Convention process. It recognized the challenges arising from the large number of items under consideration by the subsidiary bodies, especially in terms of developing workable agendas and the pressures placed on small delegations.

12. The SBI agreed to continue its discussion on the organization of future sessional periods with a view to ensuring that the Convention bodies can work as efficiently and effectively as possible within the time available at a session, while ensuring a coherent and responsive approach to issues. It requested the secretariat to convene a workshop on the organization of the intergovernmental process in conjunction with the twenty-first session of the SBI and to prepare a background paper taking into account relevant experience in other multilateral processes.

D. Effective participation in the Convention process

13. The SBI took note of a concern expressed with respect to the interpretation of rule 26 and 27 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism.

14. The SBI underlined the paramount importance of facilitating effective participation of Parties throughout the Convention process. The SBI also recognized the fundamental value of effective participation by observers, both in the process and in responding to climate change.

15. The SBI agreed to continue its consideration of effective participation at its twenty-second session on the basis of submissions received before 31 January 2005.

Participation by observer organizations

16. The SBI took note of the current approach of the secretariat to the admission of observer organizations and views expressed by Parties, and agreed to continue its consideration of the matter in the context of the continued consideration of effective participation.

17. The SBI requested the secretariat to inform the SBI at its twenty-second session of relevant initiatives in the United Nations focused on enhancing the relationship between the United Nations system and civil society, such as the High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) and the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations–Civil Society Relations (HLP).

18. The SBI recognized that NGO participation, although extensive, was not geographically balanced, with fewer NGOs attending from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The SBI also recognized the importance of a more globally representative participation in sessions and workshops and encouraged interested Parties to support attendance by NGOs from developing countries and countries with economies in transition that lack the necessary resources.

19. The SBI recognized the value of NGO contributions to deliberations on substantive issues. It welcomed the current practices of the President of the COP, the chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the chairs of contact groups in permitting interventions by NGOs when appropriate, while ensuring that the Convention process proceeds in an efficient and effective manner.

20. The SBI agreed that requests for submission of information and views could be extended to NGOs where appropriate and on the understanding that such submissions would not be issued as official documents, in order not to expand the volume of documentation, but would be made available on the secretariat web site.

Participation of indigenous peoples

21. The SBI considered the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as other requests by the indigenous peoples organizations, summarized in document FCCC/SBI/2004/5.

22. The SBI noted that indigenous peoples organizations have been admitted as observers in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and that the secretariat has an officer responsible for liaising with observer organizations, including the indigenous peoples organizations. It also noted that the agendas of the Convention bodies include items relevant to the concerns of indigenous peoples. The SBI encouraged the indigenous peoples organizations to make full use of the existing bodies and the opportunities currently afforded to them under the Convention.

23. The SBI invited Parties to consider drawing on the expertise of indigenous peoples organizations when discussing matters of concern to them. It encouraged individual Parties to give consideration to ways of enhancing the participation of indigenous peoples organizations in the Convention process.

24. The SBI acknowledged the importance of an enhanced participation by indigenous peoples organizations in the Convention process, in particular through discussions on relevant agenda items, participation in workshops and informal contacts. The SBI invited the chairs of relevant Convention bodies and the secretariat to facilitate such participation to the extent possible, without recourse to financial support.

25. The SBI concluded that opportunities exist for fostering a full and effective participation by indigenous peoples organizations in the Convention process. It requested the secretariat to convey its conclusions to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

E. Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

26. The SBI confirmed the continuing relevance of the conclusions agreed at its eighteenth session on arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1),¹ of decision 17/CP.9,² of the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol and of other COP decisions relevant to arrangements for COP/MOP 1. The SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat on this item and requested the Executive Secretary to take note of the views expressed by Parties in preparing the provisional agenda.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2003/8, paragraphs 43 and 44.

² FCCC/CP/2003/6/Add.2.