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**SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

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**Agenda item 6 (a–e)**

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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

#### **A. Eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties**

#### **B. First 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 Canada for its generous offer to host the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1). It noted with appreciation the preparations being made by the Government of Canada and the secretariat to convene COP 11 and COP/MOP 1 in Montreal, Canada, at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal from 28 November to 9 December 2005. The SBI requested the host country to facilitate the issuance of visas in order to ensure effective participation by Parties.

2. The SBI confirmed the continuing relevance of the conclusions adopted at its eighteenth session<sup>1</sup> and recalled decision 17/CP.9<sup>2</sup> relating to arrangements for COP/MOP 1.

3. The SBI endorsed the dates of 7–9 December 2005 for the high-level segment of COP 11 and COP/MOP 1 to be attended by ministers and other heads of delegation. The SBI recalled that national statements would be the mode for exchanges between ministers and other heads of delegation in the joint meetings of the COP and COP/MOP during the high-level segment.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2003/8, paragraph 44.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 17/CP.9 includes a draft decision for adoption by the COP/MOP at its first session.

4. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 10 to finalize the details of the high-level segment, in collaboration with the secretariat and the President-designate of COP 11.
5. The SBI requested the Executive Secretary to take note of views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 11 and COP/MOP 1.
6. The SBI recommended that the proposed overview of the sessional period contained in document FCCC/SBI/2005/4 serve as the basis for planning and organizing COP 11 and COP/MOP 1. The SBI urged Parties to enhance their contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process in order to allow for the effective participation of Parties.

### **C. Future sessional periods**

7. The SBI noted that COP 12 and COP/MOP 2 would be convened during the sessional period from 6 to 17 November 2006. The SBI also noted that the secretariat had not received any offers from Parties to host COP 12 and COP/MOP 2. It urged Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 12 and COP/MOP 2, so that an appropriate decision could be adopted at COP 11. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 12 would come from the African Group.
8. The SBI recommended the dates of 31 May to 11 June and 8 to 19 November for the 2010 sessional periods for adoption by the COP at its eleventh session.
9. The SBI took note of the request from Mr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) at COP 10, to consider whether COP 13 could be postponed by three to four weeks to allow more time for preparation of a synthesis report of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report before COP 13.
10. The SBI recommended that the COP at its eleventh session [not] accept the request of the IPCC [and postpone COP 13 by [four] weeks to 3 to 14 December 2007].
11. The SBI invited Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 13 and COP/MOP 3, so that an appropriate decision could be taken at COP 12. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 13 would come from the Asian Group.

### **D. Organization of the intergovernmental process**

12. The SBI took note of the report of the workshop on the organization of the intergovernmental process, held in conjunction with the twenty-first session of the SBI.<sup>3</sup> It agreed that, with the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, the time was ripe to address the increasing difficulties facing the intergovernmental process, particularly with regard to extensive agendas and the large number of activities inside and outside the formal process, and take steps to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of each session. The SBI expressed support for many of the concepts highlighted during the workshop and agreed to further explore possible options for improvement, including those identified in documents FCCC/SBI/2005/2 and FCCC/SBI/2005/4.
13. The SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 November 2005, their views on possible options for further improvement of the organization of the intergovernmental process.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2005/2.

14. The SBI recalled decision 17/CP.9, which requested the SBI, at its first session after COP/MOP 1, to review the arrangements made for convening COP/MOP 1 in conjunction with the COP and to make recommendations to the COP on arrangements for future sessions. The SBI noted that, with the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol in February 2005, the above-mentioned review will take place at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006).

15. The SBI agreed to continue its consideration of the organization of the intergovernmental process at its twenty-fourth session in the context of its review of the arrangements made for convening COP/MOP 1 in conjunction with the COP. The SBI requested the secretariat to identify possible options and make proposals on the organization of the intergovernmental process, taking into account the views submitted by Parties and experience gained at COP/MOP 1, for consideration at its twenty-fourth session.

#### **E. Observer organizations in the Convention process**

16. The SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat on relevant initiatives in the United Nations focused on enhancing the relationship between the United Nations system and civil society, including the report of the Secretary-General in response to the report by the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations–Civil Society Relations.<sup>4</sup>

17. The SBI noted that many of the steps recommended by the Secretary-General are already part of established UNFCCC practice to promote observer participation. In this context, the SBI recalled the related conclusions adopted at its twentieth session<sup>5</sup> and agreed that the consideration of steps to further enhance the participation of observer organizations would take into account experience with the current practice.

18. The SBI requested the secretariat to identify possible ways to further enhance the participation of observer organizations in the Convention process, drawing on the outcomes of the consideration by the General Assembly of the recommendations of the Secretary-General.

19. The SBI agreed to consider, at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007), the participation of observer organizations in the Convention process, based on a report from the secretariat on the experience gained from current arrangements and any relevant developments of good practice within the United Nations system.

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<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2005/5.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2004/10, paragraphs 100–109.