



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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A. Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

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

1. Arrangements for the sessions

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the Government of Denmark on the preparations being made to convene the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at the Bella Center in Copenhagen from 7 to 18 December 2009. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of Denmark for these efforts.

2. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 15 and CMP 5.

3. The SBI recommended that arrangements be made for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and heads of delegation¹ in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment to be held from 16 to 18 December 2009.

¹ Statements may also be made by other high-level representatives.

4. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 14 to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 15 and CMP 5, including arrangements for the high-level segment, in collaboration with the President designate of COP 15 and CMP 5 and the secretariat. The SBI stressed the importance of the principles of transparency and inclusiveness in the lead-up to and during COP 15 and CMP 5.

2. Earlier sessions in 2009

5. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Germany for its generous financial support for the seventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), held from 29 March to 8 April 2009 at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany.

6. The SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the preparations for the informal meetings to be held from 10 to 14 August 2009 at the Maritim Hotel, and noted that the Chairs of the AWG-KP and the AWG-LCA are undertaking consultations on these preparations.

7. The SBI also expressed its gratitude to the Government of Thailand for hosting the first part of the ninth session of the AWG-KP and the first part of the seventh session of the AWG-LCA from 28 September to 9 October 2009 at the United Nations Conference Centre at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. The SBI took note of information provided by the secretariat on the preparations for these sessions and requested the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Thailand and conclude the necessary legal arrangements by 15 August 2009.

8. The SBI further expressed its gratitude to the Government of Spain for hosting the resumed ninth session of the AWG-KP and the resumed seventh session of the AWG-LCA from 2 to 6 November 2009 at the Fira Barcelona Convention Centre in Barcelona. The SBI took note of information provided by the secretariat on the preparations for these sessions and requested the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Spain and conclude the necessary legal arrangements by 15 September 2009.

9. The SBI noted that organizing these additional sessions will require resources that have not been provided for in the core budget of the UNFCCC for 2008–2009 or in the United Nations allocation for conference services for the UNFCCC. Parties are therefore urged to make voluntary contributions as soon as possible to cover both the organizational aspect of these sessions and the participation of delegates from eligible Parties. The SBI expressed its appreciation to those Parties that have already made a financial contribution to support these sessions. It also noted the desirability of permanent conference facilities for the use of the UNFCCC and others coming into operation as soon as possible.

C. Organization of the intergovernmental process

10. The SBI recalled its recommendation in previous conclusions² that future sessions be scheduled from mid-week to mid-week, where possible, in order to reduce the amount of weekend travel time required. [The SBI agreed that all meetings [should] [shall] end by 6 p.m., particularly to give Parties and regional groups sufficient time to prepare for daily meetings, but may, in exceptional circumstances, [and on a case by case basis,] continue to no later than [8] [9] p.m.]

11. The SBI re-emphasized the importance of key documents being translated into all official United Nations languages well in advance of the relevant sessions.

D. Observer organizations

12. The SBI took note of the information on the positive developments in the practices for the participation of observer organizations in the UNFCCC process, contained in document FCCC/SBI/2009/7.

² FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 136.