



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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Item 10 of the agenda

REPORT OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its second session

Addendum

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Agenda item 3 (a): Communications from Parties included in
Annex I to the Convention**

Draft conclusions submitted by the Chairman

1. The SBI took note of the progress report on in-depth reviews (FCCC/SB/1996/2) and of the in-depth review reports issued so far (FCCC/IDR.1/CZE, FCCC/IDR.1/SWE, FCCC/IDR.1/AUS, FCCC/IDR.1/USA, FCCC/IDR.1/CAN, FCCC/IDR.1/CHE). It expressed its appreciation to the Parties which have hosted in-depth review visits, to the Parties and intergovernmental organizations which have nominated experts and to the secretariat for the coordination of these reviews.
2. The SBI concluded that the progress report on in-depth reviews provides useful information on the implementation of the Convention. It also urged the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that have not yet submitted national communications to do so in time for the second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 2).

3. The SBI envisages that policy aspects of the available in-depth review reports are to be fully considered as a separate agenda item at its third session in order to draw relevant conclusions to the attention of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate at its fourth session and to the COP at its second session.

4. The SBI invited the SBSTA to consider ways of enhancing transparency, comparability and consistency through more specific reporting guidelines, including standard formats and tables, *inter alia*, for the description of policies and measures. In doing so, these Parties are invited to describe, to the extent possible, the specific effects expected from individual mitigation measures.

5. The SBI invited the SBSTA to analyse from a technical point of view reporting options on such issues as temperature adjustments, electricity trade, bunker fuels, use of global warming potentials and land use change and forestry to resolve inconsistencies in the reporting of inventories with the aim of enhancing comparability. It also invited the SBSTA to make relevant recommendations to the SBI.

6. The SBI endorsed the outline and approaches proposed for the second compilation and synthesis of first national communications, as described in document FCCC/SB/1996/1, and suggested that the presentation of policies and measures should highlight those that are innovative, successful and/or potentially replicable.

7. The SBI took note of preliminary data presented in document FCCC/SB/1996/1/Add.1 on projections of emissions of greenhouse gases for the year 2000 which indicate that many Annex I Parties will have to make additional efforts beyond those included in projections in order to return their greenhouse gas emissions not controlled by the Montreal Protocol to base year levels by 2000.

8. The SBI concluded that mechanisms should be explored to facilitate the exchange of experiences in carrying out national programmes to implement the Convention. In that context, the SBI requested the secretariat to convene an informal workshop, preferably in conjunction with the fourth session of the SBI, focusing the discussion on the implementation aspects of specific policies and measures taken by these Parties. This workshop could also present an opportunity to assess the results of the first cycle of in-depth reviews.
