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Annex

## **I. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

(Agenda item 1)

1. The second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (hereinafter referred to as "the SBSTA") was held in Geneva from 27 February to 4 March 1996.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Tibor Faragó, opened the session at the first meeting, on 27 February 1996. He welcomed all delegates and observers from non-parties, United Nations bodies and organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. He referred to the heavy agenda for the session and the need to coordinate the work of the session with that of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM) which would also be meeting. He was confident that the work of the session could be completed successfully in a cooperative and timely manner.
3. The Executive Secretary, Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, made an introductory statement in which he provided information on the state of ratification of the Convention and of the documentation for the session. He suggested that, while the secretariat should improve its delivery of documentation, subsidiary bodies might evaluate more carefully the utility of new documents, before requesting them of the secretariat. He also stressed the need for the current session of subsidiary bodies to pay attention to the inputs that will be required of them by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its second session. He asked that this statement be taken into account by the SBI and the AGBM at their forthcoming sessions.
4. On the subject of applications for accreditation to sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Convention, the SBSTA agreed to admit new applicant organizations that had been screened by the secretariat, on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention, without prejudice to subsequent action by the COP.
5. Further, in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau of the COP, the SBSTA agreed to maintain its policy that non-governmental organizations would be admitted to the floor before and after meetings only. In relation to this, the Chairman indicated his readiness to explore the possibilities for flexibility on this policy and expressed his willingness to discuss the matters, as necessary with concerned non-governmental organizations.

## **II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

(Agenda item 2)

### **A. Adoption of the agenda**

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 February, the SBSTA adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of work of the session.
3. Establishment of intergovernmental technical advisory panel(s).
4. Scientific assessments:
  - (a) Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);
  - (b) Cooperation with the IPCC.
5. National communications:
  - (a) Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
    - (i) Progress report on in-depth reviews;
    - (ii) Elements of the second compilation and synthesis report (technical aspects);
    - (iii) Report on guidelines for the preparation of communications.
  - (b) Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention: issues related to the preparation of communications.
6. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
7. Technology inventory and assessment.
8. Workshop on mechanisms for inputs by non-governmental organizations.
9. Longer term activities.
10. Report on the session.

#### **B. Organization of work of the session**

7. At its first meeting on 27 February, the Chairman recalled that there would be services available for formal meetings in the mornings between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. In addition, facilities would be available in the afternoons between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. for informal meetings with the exceptions of the afternoons of 28 February and 4 March when workshops of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM) would be held.

**C. Attendance**

8. The list of delegations attending the second session of the SBSTA are given in annex I.

(to be completed)

**D. Documentation**

9. The documents prepared for the second session of the SBSTA are given in annex II.

(to be completed)

**III. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL  
ADVISORY PANEL(S)**

(Agenda item 3)

**1. Proceedings**

10. At its ... plenary meeting, on .. February, the SBSTA addressed the item on the establishment of intergovernmental technical advisory panel(s). It had before it a note (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/2) prepared by the secretariat.

11. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

12. The representatives of --- also made statements.

**2. Conclusions**

13. On the basis of proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA, at its ... meeting on ... February, adopted the following decisions.

(to be completed)

#### **IV. SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENTS**

(Agenda item 4)

##### **A. Consideration of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

###### **1. Proceedings**

14. At its 1st and 2nd meetings on 27 February, the SBSTA considered this item on the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/7 and Adds. 1, 2 and 3).

15. The Chairman of the IPCC introduced the Second Assessment Report.

16. Statements were made by the representatives of [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and ... non-parties].

17. The representative(s) of ... also made statements.

###### **2. Conclusions**

18. On the basis of proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(See document FCCC/SBSTA/1996/L.1/Add.1)

##### **B. Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

###### **1. Proceedings**

19. At its 2nd meeting on 28 February, the SBSTA addressed the item on cooperation with the IPCC. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/6).

20. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and ... non-parties].

21. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

22. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(See document FCCC/SBSTA/1996/L.1/Add.1)

**V. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(Agenda item 5)

**A. Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

**(i) Progress report on in-depth reviews**

1. Proceedings

23. At its ... meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SB/1996/1).

24. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

25. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

26. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA, at its ... meeting on ... February adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

**(ii) Elements of the second compilation and synthesis report**

1. Proceedings

27. At its ... meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on elements of the second compilation and synthesis report. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SB/1996/2).

28. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

29. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

30. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA, at its ... meeting on ... February adopted the following conclusions:

(to be completed)

(iii) **Report on guidelines for the preparation of communications**

1. Proceedings

31. At its meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on report on guidelines for the preparation of communications. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SB/1996/3).

32. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

33. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

34. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA at its ... meeting on ... February, adopted the following conclusions:

(to be completed)

**B. Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

1. Proceedings

35. At its meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SB/1996/3).



36. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

37. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

38. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

**VI. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY UNDER THE PILOT PHASE**

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

39. At its meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/5).

40. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

41. The representatives of --- also made statements.

2. Conclusions

42. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

## **VII. TECHNOLOGY INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

(Agenda item 7)

### **1. Proceedings**

43. At its ... meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on technology inventory and assessment. It had before it a note prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/4 and Add.1).

44. Statements were made by the representatives of ... Parties [including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China] [and .... non-parties].

45. The representatives of --- also made statements.

### **2. Conclusions**

46. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

## **VIII. WORKSHOP ON MECHANISMS FOR INPUTS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

(Agenda item 8)

47. At the ... meeting of the SBSTA on ... , the Chairman reported briefly on the proceedings of the workshop on mechanisms for inputs by non-governmental organizations on 2 March 1996. The SBSTA decided to postpone discussions on the workshop until its third session when the formal report would be available in all languages.

## **IX. LONGER TERM ACTIVITIES**

(Agenda item 9)

### **1. Proceedings**

48. At its ... meeting on ... February, the SBSTA addressed the item on longer term activities.

2. Conclusions

49. On the basis of the proposals by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

**X. REPORT OF THE SESSION**

(Agenda item 10)

50. At its ... meeting on ... March 1996, the Rapporteur presented the first part of the draft report of the session (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/L.1). The SBSTA considered and adopted the first part of the draft report. It also requested the Rapporteur under the guidance of the Chairman and with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report taking into account the discussions during the session and the need for editorial adjustments.

51. The Chairman, after thanking all participants for their constructive cooperation, declared the second session of the SBSTA closed.

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