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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Committee, proposed after consultation with the Chairman and the Bureau, is as follows:
 1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work;
 - (c) Election of officers.
 2. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I):
 - (a) Methodological issues;
 - (b) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention;*
 - (d) Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4, para. 2 (a) and (b);*
 - (e) Criteria for joint implementation;

* Items appearing for the first time.

3. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties (Working Group II):
 - (a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4;
 - (b) Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, para. 3;*
 - (c) Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support.
4. Procedural, institutional and legal matters:
 - (a) Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention (Working Group II);
 - (b) Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning (Plenary).*
5. Status of ratification of the Convention.
6. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds.
7. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. By its resolution 47/195 of 22 December 1992, paragraphs 6 and 7, the General Assembly decided "that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall continue to function in order to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention, and, in that context, to contribute to the effective operation of the interim arrangements set out in Article 21 of the Convention"; invited the Committee "to implement expeditiously the plan of preparatory work drawn up at its sixth session"; and requested the Secretary-General "to make arrangements within the overall calendar of conferences for the Committee to hold sessions, in accordance with the needs of that plan". The scheduling of the ninth session was confirmed by the Committee at its eighth session (A/AC.237/41, para. 119).

3. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the ninth session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 7 to 18 February 1994. The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee at 10 a.m. on 7 February 1994, in Conference Room XIX.

1. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Committee is presented for adoption. It includes a number of items appearing for the first time.

5. A number of tasks included in the work plan of the Committee adopted at its sixth session have still to be considered, namely, the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention (task C.1) and the resolution of questions regarding implementation (task C.3) (see A/AC.237/24, para. 44). These items will be put on the agenda of the Committee at its tenth session.

6. A list of documents relating to the provisional agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in annex I.

(b) Organization of work

(i) Participation

7. In paragraph 2 of its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided that "the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly." In paragraph 19 of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited "relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate".

8. In pursuance of the above, notification of the date and place of the session has been communicated to the permanent missions of all participating States in Geneva and New York, as well as to observers.

(ii) Schedule of meetings

9. The scheduling of meetings for the session will be based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, when services are available for two concurrent meetings with interpretation from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities for informal meetings without interpretation. Delegations are urged to use these services fully by starting all meetings promptly at the scheduled time. A tentative schedule of meetings, proposed in consultation with the Chairman, is attached as annex II.

(iii) Allocation of tasks

10. The Committee decided, at its sixth session, that it would focus its preparatory work primarily on those tasks specified in the Convention for action by the first session of the Conference of the Parties, namely: A. Matters relating to commitments; B. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties; and C. Procedural, institutional and legal matters (A/AC.237/24, paras. 42-44). The Committee agreed that a number of related tasks for action by the Conference of the Parties could be taken up, as appropriate, in conjunction with tasks listed in the three clusters (A/AC.237/24, para. 46).

11. The Committee decided to assign these tasks to two working groups: Working Group I to deal with cluster A and Working Group II to deal with clusters B and C (A/AC.237/24, para. 45). Both working groups will meet during the ninth session of the Committee.

12. It is suggested, after consultation with the Bureau, that item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda "Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning" be assigned to Plenary, in view of its relationship with item 6 on the review of activities of the interim secretariat. In accordance with this suggestion, the working groups would deal, respectively, with provisional agenda item 2 (Working Group I) and items 3 and 4 (a) (Working Group II). All other items would be dealt with in plenary.

(iv) Statements at the opening meeting (7 February, 10 a.m.)

13. The Chairman and the Executive Secretary will make some opening remarks.

14. The Chairman of the WMO/UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has accepted an invitation to speak at the meeting.

15. There will be no general debate. Delegations that wish to make brief presentations of national communications, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/195, paragraph 4, will be given an opportunity to do so after the above-mentioned statements.

16. It is hoped to conclude the meeting in time to allow both working groups to meet before the lunch break for the purpose of organizing their work.

(c) Election of officers

17. Consequent upon the resignation of Ambassador Robert F. Van Lierop (Vanuatu), it will be necessary for the Committee to elect a Co-Chairman of Working Group II.

2. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I)

18. The Committee will have before it a note by the interim secretariat presenting a framework for the discussions in Working Group I at the ninth session, including planning prior to the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 1) (A/AC.237/43). The note outlines the proposed programme of work for Working Group I at the ninth session and attempts to situate that programme within the broader context of preparations for, and possible outputs required by, COP 1.

19. In addition to considering the topics already indicated under item 2, and if time permits after the completion of other business, Working Group I may wish to have a brief and preliminary exchange of views on the format and content of the report on implementation. In response to a request by the Committee at its eighth session, the interim secretariat has prepared a note on the report on implementation, including the financial and human resource implications (A/AC.237/48). Alternatively, delegations could provide written comments to the interim secretariat particularly with regard to the questions posed in section III of that note. In either case, a revised document would be prepared for the tenth session of the Committee, at which time initial planning decisions would be required if a report on implementation is to be issued in the context of COP 1.

20. In response to a suggestion by the Chairman of the IPCC (A/AC.237/41, para. 38), a joint working party, consisting of members of the Bureaux of the Committee and of the IPCC, met on 19 November 1993 to discuss ways of strengthening the relationship between the Committee and the IPCC and also to discuss preparations for the ninth session of the Committee, notably with respect to the tasks before Working Group I. The joint working party will meet again just prior to the ninth session, on 5 February. The Chairman of the Committee and the Chairman of the IPCC will report briefly on these meetings in their statements at the opening of the session.

21. Early in the session, participants in Working Group I will be able to put questions to the Chairman of the IPCC, in response to his statement to the opening plenary meeting on the progress of the work of the IPCC. Subsequently, matters relating to the work of the IPCC may be dealt with in the context of the relevant sub-items.

(a) Methodological issues

i) Methodologies for inventories and methodologies for projections and for assessing the effects of measures

22. At its eighth session, the Committee agreed that the draft methodologies for inventories developed by the IPCC, scheduled to be released in December 1993, would be reviewed at the ninth session and recommended for use by Annex I Parties in the preparation of their national communications. The Committee also highlighted the importance of methodologies for emissions projections and for assessing the effects, and the effectiveness, of measures and requested the interim secretariat to prepare a paper for the ninth session.

23. The Committee will have before it a note on these matters by the interim secretariat that includes a status report on the IPCC draft guidelines for inventories (A/AC.237/44). Copies of the IPCC document Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reporting Instructions will be available in limited quantities at the session. The Chairman of the IPCC will also provide the Committee with an update on the IPCC Draft Guidelines. The Committee is invited to recommend that Annex I Parties use the IPCC Draft Guidelines in the preparation of their first communications.

24. Because of the close linkages between the issues, it is proposed that the section of document A/AC.237/44 dealing with methodologies for emissions projections and for assessing the effects of measures be taken up under item 2 (b) on first review of information.

25. In response to the request by the Committee at its eighth session (A/AC.237/41, para. 36), the Committee will also have before it a document containing comments received from member States on methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases (A/AC.237/Misc.32).

(ii) Methodologies to calculate the contributions of different gases to climate change: global warming potentials (GWPs)

26. At its eighth session, the Committee considered the issue of how to calculate the contributions of different gases to climate change taking into consideration the concept of GWPs. It will be recalled that the methodologies for this latter purpose, as far as they deal with calculations of emissions by sources and removals by sinks, are not identical to those used for preparation of inventories as referred to in Article 12.1. As a result of this discussion, the interim secretariat was requested to provide additional information, including a compendium of relevant existing studies. This is before the Committee for its consideration (A/AC.237/44/Add.1). The Committee is invited to provide guidance on the use of GWPs, particularly in the first communications by Annex I Parties.

(iii) Allocation of emissions from bunker fuels

27. At its eighth session, the Committee requested the interim secretariat to provide it with policy options for the allocation and control of emissions from bunker fuels, in consultation with other relevant organizations

such as the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization. For its consideration of this matter and in order to facilitate a discussion of the different options, the Committee will have before it document A/AC.237/44/Add.2. The Committee is invited to consider the proposal that an interim solution to the question of the allocation of emissions from bunker fuels be used until after COP 1, when more detailed attention can be given to the issue. The proposed interim solution, as suggested by the IPCC, would include emissions from bunker fuels in national inventories, but listed separately. This would be without prejudice to any future decision on the allocation of such emissions.

(b) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention

28. At its eighth session, the Committee requested the interim secretariat to prepare draft guidelines for the preparation of communications by Annex I Parties. Such guidelines would ensure consistency, transparency and comparability of information across communications, taking into account specific national situations. The Committee will have before it document A/AC.237/45 which includes such draft guidelines. The discussion at the eighth session also emphasized the importance in this context of methodologies for emissions projections and for estimating the effects of measures. Relevant issues are addressed in section III of the note by the interim secretariat on methodological issues (A/AC.237/44).

29. Also at its eighth session, the Committee took note of an initiative by a group of countries and an organization included in Annex I relating to the preparation of national communications, and proposed that they report to the Committee at its ninth session so that the Committee might take advantage of their contribution. Such a report will be available early in the session (A/AC.237/45/Add. 1).

30. The Committee is invited, after considering the proposed guidelines, the relevant methodological issues and the report from Annex I countries, to adopt provisionally a set of guidelines that could then be used by Annex I Parties in preparing their first communications. For those Annex I countries which are Parties on the date the Convention enters into force, these communications will be due on 21 September 1994.

31. The Committee, at its eighth session, further requested the interim secretariat to provide suggestions on the periodicity of subsequent communications and a proposal on the distribution and translation of the communications. These requests are addressed in section II.D and section III, respectively, of document A/AC.237/45. The Committee is invited to provide guidance on the issue of periodicity and to take a decision on a procedure for the distribution and translation of the initial communications by Annex I Parties.

(c) The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention

32. The Committee agreed at its eighth session that a separate agenda item would be allocated to the consideration of the roles of the subsidiary bodies, including possible interim arrangements prior to COP 1. In response to the request by the Committee, the interim secretariat has prepared a note offering options to clarify the respective roles of the subsidiary bodies, the relationships between them and their relationship with other bodies, including the IPCC (A/AC.237/46). The Committee is invited to provide guidance on the issues raised in the document, including the functions of the subsidiary bodies and their meeting arrangements.

33. Section IV of document A/AC.237/46 also discusses the three institutional questions posed by the Committee relating to the manner in which the functions of the subsidiary bodies could be carried out prior to COP 1. The Committee is invited to decide which of the three options should be pursued, so that the necessary arrangements can be made in a timely manner.

(d) Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4, para. 2 (a) and (b)

34. The work plan adopted by the Committee at its sixth session included task A.4, "Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b)" (A/AC.237/24, para. 44). The interim secretariat was requested by the Committee at its eighth session to provide additional information for the ninth session to facilitate discussion on the first review of the adequacy of commitments. This information is contained in a note prepared by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/47).

35. The Committee is invited to have an initial exchange of views on the review of the adequacy of commitments and to reach preliminary conclusions on the scope of the review, on the expected inputs including their timing and scheduling, and on institutional responsibilities for the delivery of products required by COP 1. The Committee may also wish to indicate what further work on this matter may be required.

(e) Criteria for joint implementation

36. Taking into account the complexity as well as the far reaching political implications of this subject, the Committee agreed to continue discussion on criteria for joint implementation at its ninth session. The interim secretariat was requested to provide further documentation on the issue, including a list of possible criteria, taking into account the views expressed and submissions made during the eighth session and any further comments transmitted to the secretariat after the session. These submissions are before the Committee in document A/AC.237/Misc.33 and Add.1. Drawing on these submissions, and the discussion at the eighth session, the interim secretariat prepared document A/AC.237/49 which puts forward, for consideration by the Committee and as a basis for further discussions on the issue, possible criteria for joint implementation. It is recalled that the task of the Committee is to make recommendations on criteria for joint implementation, for consideration and appropriate action by COP 1. The Committee is invited to consider the possible criteria presented by the interim secretariat, to reach conclusions thereon to the

extent possible and to specify any further work to be undertaken by the interim secretariat in preparation for discussions on this subject at the tenth session.

3. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties
(Working Group II)

(a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4; and

(b) Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, para. 3

37. At the conclusion of its consideration of item 3 (a) at its eighth session, the Committee "resolved to give priority at its ninth session to consideration of the implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism) and to the adoption of such recommendations for decisions by the COP as might be necessary, in the context of the mandate of the COP, on guidance to the operating entity of the financial mechanism concerning its policies, eligibility criteria and programme priorities related to the Convention, and on the determination of 'agreed full incremental costs'" (A/AC.237/41, para. 91).

38. The Committee will have before it a note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/50) which takes stock of progress achieved at the eighth session and identifies issues that need to be addressed in the areas of (a) guidance from the COP to the operating entity or entities; (b) positions that the COP could adopt regarding modalities for the operational linkages between the COP and the operating entity or entities; and (c) institutional questions.

39. This note is supplemented by two addenda, one on approaches to the determination of agreed full incremental costs (A/AC.237/50/Add.1) and the other on the outcome of the meetings of the Participants in the Global Environment Facility (GEF), held at Cartagena, Colombia, on 6 to 10 December 1993 (A/AC/237/50/Add.2). Any additional information on the restructuring and replenishment of the GEF will be communicated in a further addendum.

40. Under Article 21.3 of the Convention, the GEF was entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism on an interim basis. Item 3 (b), concerning the maintenance of these interim arrangements, was placed on the provisional agenda on the assumption that the restructuring and replenishment of the GEF would have been completed before the ninth session of the Committee. However, the most recent meetings of the Participants in the GEF did not complete these tasks and it is not clear whether they will be completed before the start of the Committee's session (see A/AC.237/50/Add.2). If at that time the process of restructuring and replenishing the GEF is still under way, it would not be timely for the Committee to take up item 3 (b), which would be postponed to the tenth session. It would be necessary to take stock of this situation at the start of the session.

41. Whatever the state of negotiations on the restructuring and replenishment of the GEF, it would be desirable for the Committee to continue its consideration of matters relating to the financial mechanism under item 3 (a).

42. At its eighth session, the Committee deferred for further consideration during its ninth session the draft decision submitted by the G-77 and China on "Recommendations of the Committee to the Global Environment Facility" (A/AC.237/L.18). That draft decision will be before the Committee.

(c) Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

(i) Project for an information exchange system on country activities on climate

change

43. At its seventh session, the Committee requested the Executive Secretary, in conjunction with UNEP, to proceed with the elaboration of a joint project for the establishment and operation of an information exchange system to facilitate technical and financial support for activities in developing and other countries related to the Convention (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(r)). Progress towards agreement on the content, organization, funding and initiation of the joint project was reported to the Committee at its eighth session (A/AC.237/38). At that time, the Committee invited the Executive Director of UNEP and the Executive Secretary to take full account of the comments and concerns expressed by delegations and to report on progress to the ninth session of the Committee (A/AC.237/41, para. 100). A progress report on the project will be before the Committee for its information (A/AC.237/51).

44. In addition, an informal seminar will be organized during the first week of the session to provide delegations with more detailed information on progress achieved so far, and on ways in which they may begin to make use of the information collected by the project.

(ii) Information and training programme

45. The pilot phase of a training programme to promote the implementation of the Convention was established in 1993 as a joint effort of the interim secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in collaboration with the secretariats of the GEF, the IPCC and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and with the assistance of the UNEP/WMO Information Unit on Climate Change (IUCC). The training programme aims at strengthening the institutional capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to address the causes and effects of climate change and to undertake activities in pursuit of the objective of the Convention.

46. A progress report has been prepared by the interim secretariat for the information of the Committee (A/AC.237/52). In addition, an informal seminar will be organized during the first week of the session to provide delegations with more detailed information about the programme and prospects for its further development.

4. Procedural, institutional and legal matters

(a) Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (Working Group II)

47. As requested by the Committee at its eighth session (A/AC.237/41, para. 106), the interim secretariat has prepared a second revision of the draft rules of procedure of the COP (A/AC.237/27/Rev.2), taking account of comments by delegations, as well as those received from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. The Committee also requested information on the financial implications of rule 54 concerning the official languages of the COP. The covering note by the interim secretariat provides, *inter alia*, cost estimates for the conference servicing requirements in this respect.

48. The Committee agreed that an informal, ad hoc open-ended group of delegations constituting the "friends of the Co-Chairs of Working Group II" would meet during the session, while the Working Groups were not meeting, to review the draft rules in detail and to report back to Working Group II (A/AC.237/41, para. 106(b)). At the start of the session, Working Group II may wish to make arrangements for the work of the

informal group.

49. The Committee may wish to conclude its examination of the draft rules, with a view to reaching consensus at its ninth session on a set of rules that could be presented to COP 1 for consideration and adoption.

(b) Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning (Plenary)

50. Article 8.3 provides that "the Conference of the Parties, at its first session, shall designate a permanent secretariat and make arrangements for its functioning". The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/53) which will set out certain institutional options for the permanent secretariat and related considerations regarding its financial and staffing arrangements, as well as its physical location. The Committee is invited to give guidance on which institutional option or options should be explored further, and on the nature of the permanent secretariat's functions and its work programme. In the light of that guidance, the interim secretariat will prepare a more elaborate proposal, possibly including elements of a work programme and budget for the permanent secretariat, for consideration by the Committee at its next session. Elements for the work programme will be derived from conclusions on other items on the agenda, notably item 2.

5. Status of ratification of the Convention

51. On 21 December 1993, the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession was received by the Depositary. In accordance with Article 23, the Convention will accordingly enter into force on 21 March 1994. It will be recalled that, in accordance with Article 7.4 of the Convention, the first session of the Conference of the Parties is to be convened by the interim secretariat not later than one year after the date of entry into force

of the Convention. In this connection, the General Assembly, in resolution 48/189, decided that the first session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held from 28 March to 7 April 1995, subject to the applicable provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; accepted with deep appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Germany to host the first session at Berlin; and decided to include the first session of the Conference of the Parties in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994-1995.

52. It should also be recalled that, under Article 12 of the Convention, each developed country Party and other developed Party included in Annex I is committed to submit an initial communication to the Conference of the Parties within six months of the entry into force of the Convention for that Party. Annex I Parties for whom the Convention enters into force on 21 March 1994 will accordingly be required to submit their communications by 21 September 1994.

53. An up-to-date status report on the ratification of the Convention (A/AC.237/INF.15), will be before the Committee, for its information. Delegations are invited to make information on their Governments' plans for ratification available to the interim secretariat.

6. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat,
including review of extrabudgetary funds

54. The Executive Secretary will present a report containing information on activities of the interim secretariat, on administrative and budgetary questions and on the status of extrabudgetary funds (A/AC.237/54). He will supplement this information orally at the session. The report will include a two-year funding plan setting out estimated needs for extrabudgetary funding for the interim secretariat. These needs are based on assumptions about the technical and analytical work that the interim secretariat may be requested to undertake before COP 1, with particular reference to the issues dealt with in Working Group I. The Committee is invited to comment on the various questions raised in the note and give its support to the efforts of the interim secretariat to mobilize the funding required.

7. Adoption of the report

55. A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for consideration by the Committee, at the end of the session, in accordance with established practice. The Committee is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to incorporate the proceedings of the final days in the final report after the session, with the assistance of the interim secretariat and under the guidance of the Chairman.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Documents prepared for the session by the interim secretariat

A/AC.237/27/Rev.2	Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.237/42	Provisional agenda and annotations, including suggestions for the organization of work. Note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/43	Working Group I issues: framework for the ninth session and planning prior to the first session of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.237/44	Methodological issues
A/AC.237/44/Add.1	Methodologies to calculate the contributions of different gases to climate change: global warming potentials
A/AC.237/44/Add.2	Allocation and control of emissions from bunker fuels
A/AC.237/45	First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention. Guidelines and procedures for first communications
A/AC.237/45/Add.1	First review of information: report on an initiative by Annex I countries
A/AC.237/46	The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention
A/AC.237/47	Review of adequacy of commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b)
A/AC.237/48	The report on implementation
A/AC.237/49	Criteria for joint implementation
A/AC.237/50	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4. Consideration of the maintenance of interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, para. 3. Issues to be addressed by the Committee
A/AC.237/50/Add.1	Approaches to the determination of agreed full incremental costs
A/AC.237/50/Add.2	Outcome of the Participants' Meetings of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
A/AC.237/51	Progress report on the project for an information exchange system on country activities on climate change

- A/AC.237/52 Progress report on the information and training programme
- A/AC.237/53 Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning
- A/AC.237/54 Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds. Note by the Executive Secretary
- A/AC.237/Misc.32 Comments from member States on methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases
- A/AC.237/Misc.33 and Add.1 Comments from member States on criteria for joint implementation
- A/AC.237/INF.12/Add.2 Communications received in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/195, paragraph 4
- A/AC.237/INF.15 Status of ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Other documents for the session

- A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/
Add.1 and Corr.1 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*
- A/AC.237/41 Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its eighth session, held at Geneva from 16 to 27 August 1993
- AC.237/L.18 Group of 77 and China: draft decision. Recommendations of the Committee to the Global Environment Facility

Other documents available at the session for reference purposes

- A/AC.237/5 Rules of procedure of the Committee
- A/AC.237/6 and Corr.1 Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its first session, held at Washington, D.C., from 4 to 14 February 1991
- A/AC.237/9 Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 19 to 28 June 1991

* See also rectified text of the Convention available in English, French and Spanish, published on behalf of the interim secretariat by the UNEP/WMO Information Unit on Climate Change (IUCC).

- A/AC.237/12 and Corr. 1 Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its third

session, held at Nairobi from 9 to 20 September 1991

A/AC.237/15 and Corr. I Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its fourth session, held at Geneva from 9 to 20 December 1991

A/AC.237/18 (Part I) Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the first of its fifth session, held at New York from 18 to 28 February 1992 tp

A/AC.237/18 (Part II) Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the second of its fifth session, held at New York from 30 April to 9 May 1992 tp

A/AC.237/24 (and Corr.1 in English only) Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its sixth session, held at Geneva from 7 to 10 December 1992

A/AC.237/26 and Corr. 1 Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism). Note by the secretariat

A/AC.237/33 Review of information by the Conference of the Parties: the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention. Note by the secretariat

A/AC.237/35 Criteria for joint implementation. Note by the secretariat

A/AC.237/36 and Add.1 First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention. Note by the secretariat.

General Assembly resolutions

45/212 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (21 December 1990)

46/169 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (19 December 1991)

47/195 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (22 December 1992)

48/189 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (21 December 1993)

Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II [*] /
<p><u>Monday, 7 February</u> 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.</p> <p><u>Item 1:</u> Organizational matters: (a) Adoption of agenda (b) Organization of work (c) Election of officers</p> <p><u>Statements:</u> Chairman Executive Secretary Chairman of IPCC</p> <p><u>National communications</u> (GA res. 47/195, para. 4)</p> <p>11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. p.m.</p>	<p align="center">***</p>	<p align="center">***</p>	<p align="center">***</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, 8 February</u> a.m. and p.m.</p>	<p align="center">***</p>	<p align="center">Organization of work</p> <p><u>Item 2 (d):</u> Review of adequacy of commitments</p>	<p align="center">Organization of work</p> <p><u>Item 3 (a):</u> Guidance on eligibility criteria and priorities</p>
		<p align="center"><u>Item 2 (a):</u> Methodologies - inventories - GWP's - bunkers</p>	<p align="center"><u>Item 3 (a):</u> Guidance on eligibility criteria and priorities</p>

^{*} /: The retention of provisional agenda item 3 (b) will need to be reviewed, in the light of the state of negotiations on the GEF.

The informal, ad hoc open-ended working group on the rules of procedure of the COP will start its work during the first week outside normal working hours.

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<p><u>Wednesday, 9 February</u> a.m. and p.m.</p>	<p>***</p>	<p><u>Item 2 (b)</u>: Review of information - Guidelines - Methodologies/projections/ effects - Procedures</p>	<p><u>Item 3 (a)</u>: Guidance on policies and agreed full incremental costs</p>
<p><u>Thursday, 10 February</u> a.m. p.m.</p>	<p>*** ***</p>	<p><u>Item 2 (c)</u>: Roles of subsidiary bodies and interim arrangements. <u>Item 2 (c)</u>: Roles of subsidiary bodies and interim arrangements.</p>	<p><u>Item 3 (a)</u> : Guidance on policies and agreed full incremental costs <u>Item 3 (a)</u>: Modalities and institutional questions <u>Item 3 (b)</u>: Maintenance of interim arrangements]</p>
<p><u>Friday, 11 February</u> a.m. and p.m</p>	<p>***</p>	<p><u>Item 2 (a)</u>: Possible criteria for joint Implementation.</p>	<p><u>Item 3 (a)</u>: Modalities and institutional questions <u>Item 3 (b)</u>: Maintenance of interim arrangements]</p>

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<p><u>Monday, 14 February</u></p> <p>a.m.</p> <p>p.m.</p>	<p>Review of progress in the session</p> <p><u>Item 5:</u> Status of ratification of the Convention</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Following plenary:</p> <p>Completion of week 1 discussions (Report on implementation?)</p> <p>Completion of week 1 discussions</p>	<p>Following plenary:</p> <p>Item 3 (c): Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support.</p> <p><u>Item 4 (a):</u> Rules of procedure</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, 15 February</u></p> <p>a.m.</p> <p>p.m.</p>	<p><u>Item 6:</u> Review of activities of interim secretariat and extrabudgetary funds</p> <p><u>Item 4 (b):</u> Permanent secretariat</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Completion of week 1 discussions</p> <p>Completion of week 1 discussions</p>	<p>***</p> <p><u>Item 4 (a):</u> Rules of procedure</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, 16 February</u></p> <p>a.m. and p.m.</p>	<p>***</p>	<p>Informal consultations and adoption of conclusions</p>	<p>Informal consultations and adoption of conclusions</p>
<p><u>Thursday, 17 February</u></p> <p>a.m. and p.m.</p>	<p>***</p> <p>***</p>	<p>Informal consultations and adoption of conclusions</p>	<p>Informal consultations and adoption of conclusions</p>
<p><u>Friday, 18 February</u></p> <p>a.m.</p> <p>p.m.</p>	<p>Oral reports from Working Groups I and II</p> <p><u>Item 7:</u> Adoption of the report of the Committee</p>	<p>***</p> <p>***</p>	<p>***</p> <p>***</p>