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<sup>1</sup> The annexes will be included in the final version of the report to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBI/1997/21.

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

(Agenda item 1)

1. The seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (hereinafter referred to as "the SBI") was held at the Beethovenhalle, Bonn, from 20 to 29 October 1997.
2. The Vice-Chairman of the SBI, Mr. José Romero (Switzerland), opened the session at the 1st meeting, on 20 October 1997. In welcoming the participants, he noted that the Chairman of the SBI, Mr. Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania), was not able to attend this session for reason of the health of one of his family members. He urged delegates to make efficient use of the time allocated and to conclude the negotiations in a timely manner. He further noted that this was the last session of the SBI before the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3) and, therefore, the last opportunity for the SBI to make recommendations for decisions to be adopted by COP 3.
3. The Executive Secretary concurred that the main task of the SBI at its current session, as was the case for the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), was to reach consensus on recommendations to COP 3 to enable the latter to focus on the completion of the Berlin Mandate. Reviewing certain matters on the SBI agenda, he stressed the need of developing countries for support in preparing their initial national communications and in strengthening national capacities to address climate change. In that connection, he expressed satisfaction at the imminent start-up of a Global Environment Facility (GEF) project to support national communications. The Executive Secretary made known his strong concern at the delays in contributions to the core budget for the current biennium, including from some major contributors, and also appealed for further contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in time for COP 3. He informed the SBI that the Convention secretariat was preparing for the introduction of the new programme structure and was looking forward to future co-operation with the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, when it moved to Bonn.

## **II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

(Agenda item 2)

4. The SBI considered this item at its 1st meeting, on 20 October. Statements were made by representatives of five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

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

(Agenda item 2 (a))

5. At its 1st meeting, on 20 October, the SBI considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBI/1997/17 and Add.1, and adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
3. National communications:
  - (a) Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
  - (b) Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
4. Financial mechanism: Review process referred to in decision 9/CP.1.
5. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
6. Development and transfer of technologies.
7. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings.
8. Proposed amendments to the Convention.
9. Administrative and financial matters.
10. Mechanisms for consultation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
11. Legal matters: Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
12. Report on the session.

**B. Organization of the work of the session**  
(Agenda item 2 (b))

6. At its 1st meeting, on 20 October, the Vice-Chairman stated that services would be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the days allotted to the SBI. The SBI approved the organization of the work as presented by the Vice-Chairman. It was agreed to follow the recommendations on the division of labour between the SBI and the SBSTA that were adopted by both bodies at their sixth sessions, and consequently to allow one body to take overall responsibility in considering an issue. Specific inputs from the other body would be obtained by establishing informal joint drafting groups. The Vice-Chairman also referred to the documentation before the seventh session, as described in documents FCCC/SBI/1997/17 and Add.1.

7. The Vice-Chairman informed the SBI that applications for observer status from three intergovernmental and 21 non-governmental organizations had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and in accordance with the

procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations (see document FCCC/SB/1997/INF.4). The SBI agreed to admit these organizations as observers on a provisional basis, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its third session.

**C. Attendance**

[to be completed]

**D. Documentation**

8. The documents before the SBI at its seventh session are listed in annex II below.

**III. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(Agenda item 3)

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

(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

9. This sub-item was considered by the SBI at its 2nd and ... meetings, on 21 and ... October respectively. The SBI had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1997/19 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/1997/20; FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.4 and INF.6; FCCC/SBSTA/1997/13 and FCCC/SB/1997/6. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

10. At its ... meeting, on ... October the SBI considered conclusions on this sub-item proposed by the Vice-Chairman (for the text of these conclusions, see document FCCC/SBI/1997/L.7).

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

11. This sub-item was considered by the SBI at its 1st and ... meetings, on 20 and ... October respectively. The SBI had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.3; FCCC/SBI/1997/MISC.8 and FCCC/CP/1997/MISC.1. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

12. At its ... meeting, on ... October the SBI considered a proposal by the Vice-Chairman on this sub-item (for the text of this proposal, see document FCCC/SBI/1997/L.8).

[to be completed]

**IV. FINANCIAL MECHANISM: REVIEW PROCESS  
REFERRED TO IN DECISION 9/CP.1**

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

13. This item was considered by the SBI at its 2nd and ... meetings, on 21 and ... October respectively. The SBI had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1997/16, FCCC/SBI/1997/MISC.9 and FCCC/CP/1997/MISC.1. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

14. At its ... meeting on ... October, the SBI considered a proposal by the Vice-Chairman for a draft decision on review of the financial mechanism and a draft decision on the annex to the Memorandum of Understanding, for adoption by the COP at its third session (for the text of these draft decisions, see document FCCC/SBI/1997/L.9).

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

15. This item was considered by the SBI at its 1st and ... meetings, on 20 and ... October respectively. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VI. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY**

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

16. This item was considered by the SBI at its 1st and ... meetings, on 20 and ... October respectively. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VII. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

17. This item was considered by the SBI at its 3rd and ... meetings, on 22 and ... October respectively. The SBI had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1997/17/Add.1 and FCCC/CP/1997/1. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

18. With regard to COP 3, commenting on a proposal by one delegation to draw up a list of points on which the high level segment could focus, including one that would throw light on the "way forward", the Executive Secretary sought to distinguish between two types of process that could be carried out after COP 3. The first, which was currently controversial, was a process

opening up the perspective of negotiations of new commitments under the Convention. The second, which should not be controversial, was a process that would prepare for the decisions to be taken by the first meeting of the Parties to the protocol or other legal instrument adopted at COP 3. It was the latter post-Kyoto process that the secretariat had in mind in providing for a contingency in the programme budget for 1998-1999.

2. Conclusions

**Third session of the Conference of the Parties**

[to be completed]

**Fourth session of the Conference of the Parties**

[to be completed]

**VIII. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

19. This item was considered by the SBI at its 2nd meeting, on 21 October. The SBI had before it document FCCC/SBI/1997/15. Statements were made by representatives of 14 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

20. At the same meeting, having considered a proposal by the Vice-Chairman, the SBI, after considering the proposals containing amendments to the Convention, invited the COP at its third session to take into account the views expressed by the Parties during its seventh session.

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

21. This item was considered by the SBI at its 3rd and ... meetings, on 22 and ... October respectively. The SBI had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1997/17/Add.1 and FCCC/CP/1997/1. Statements were made by representatives of ... Parties, including ... speaking



on behalf of the European Community and its member States and ... speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**X. MECHANISMS FOR CONSULTATION WITH  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

(Agenda item 10)

1. Proceedings

22. This item was considered by the SBI at its 3rd meeting, on 22 October. The SBI had before it document FCCC/SBI/1997/MISC.7. Statements were made by representatives of five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

23. At the same meeting, the SBI, on the proposal of its Vice-Chairman, took note of document FCCC/SBI/1997/MISC.7 and, taking into account views expressed at its seventh session, decided to consider this issue at its eighth session.

**XI. LEGAL MATTERS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT**

(Agenda item 11)

1. Proceedings

24. This item was considered by the SBI at its 3rd meeting, on 21 October.

2. Conclusions

25. At the same meeting, having considered a proposal by the Vice-Chairman, the SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat and requested that it be informed of the entry into force of the Headquarters Agreement in due course.

## **XII. REPORT ON THE SESSION**

(Agenda item 12)

26. At its ... meeting, on ... October, the SBI considered the draft report on the work of its seventh session (FCCC/SBI/1997/L.6).

[to be completed]

27. At the ... meeting, on ... October, the Vice-Chairman, after thanking all participants for their co-operation throughout the meeting, declared the seventh session of the SBI closed.

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