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<sup>1</sup> This sub-item relates to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol and paragraph 5 (c) of decision 1/CP.3. The term “joint implementation” is used for convenience.

<sup>2</sup> The annexes will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBSTA/1998/6.

## I. OPENING OF THE SESSION (Agenda item 1)

1. The eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, from 2 to 12 June 1998.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Chow Kok Kee (Malaysia), opened the session on 2 June 1998. He welcomed all delegates and observers and wished the participants a successful session. The Chairman noted that this was the first session of the SBSTA since the Conference of the Parties (COP), at its third session, had adopted the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Chairman remarked that all delegates should feel pride in that achievement and expressed the hope that the momentum of work thus generated would be maintained. Observing that this was the only occasion on which the SBSTA would meet before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 4), the Chairman urged all Parties to seek common ground and prepare recommendations for decisions to be adopted at COP 4. The extended meeting time available to the SBSTA at this session should facilitate such progress. He concluded by encouraging Parties to make the best use of the time available to them.
3. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 2 June, the Executive Secretary also welcomed all participants to the session. He noted that, whilst certain items on the SBSTA provisional agenda could be dealt with quickly, others, such as items 6 (b) and 8, would probably require more time. In this context, the Executive Secretary emphasized the need for flexibility so as to allow the necessary sequencing and coordination between the two subsidiary bodies in the consideration of agenda items.
4. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, which was held jointly with the SBI on 2 June, statements were made by Her Excellency Maria Julia Alsogaray, Secretary of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, Argentina, Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Executive Secretary. [Summary texts of the statements will be included in the final version of the report.]

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (Agenda item 2)

### A. Adoption of the agenda (Agenda item 2 (a))

5. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 2 June, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/1.

6. Statements were made by representatives of eight Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and another speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
7. The SBSTA agreed to amend provisional agenda items 6 (e) and 8 to read “Other matters, including matters referred to the SBSTA by the SBI” and “Mechanisms”, respectively, and adopted the following agenda:
  1. Opening of the session.
  2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
    - (b) Election of officers other than the Chairman;
    - (c) Organization of the work of the session;
    - (d) Allocation of work - issues arising from decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6;
    - (e) Organization of the work of future sessions.
  3. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
  4. 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: methodological aspects of consideration process.
  5. Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness.
  6. Methodological issues:
    - (a) Emissions inventories;
    - (b) Land-use change and forestry - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (a);
    - (c) Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (d);
    - (d) Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil;
    - (e) Other matters, including matters referred to the SBSTA by the SBI.
  7. Development and transfer of technologies.
  8. Mechanisms:
    - (a) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase;
    - (b) Joint implementation - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (c);

- (c) Clean development mechanism - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (e);
- (d) Emissions trading - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (b).

- 9. Roster of experts.
- 10. Report on the session.

B. Election of officers other than the Chairman  
(Agenda item 2 (b))

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3<sup>rd</sup> and --- meetings, on 3 and --- June, respectively.

[to be completed]

C. Organization of the work of the session  
(Agenda item 2 (c))

9. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 3 June. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/3.

10. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBSTA to the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/SB/1998/3, noting that the schedule was intended to be used as a guide, and might need to be modified to reflect the pace of progress.

11. The Chairman informed the SBSTA that applications for accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies had recently been received from nine non-governmental organizations. These applications 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 as observers. The SBSTA agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBSTA, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its fourth session.

D. Allocation of work - issues arising from decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6

E. Organization of the work of future sessions  
(Agenda items 2 (d) and (e))

1. Proceedings

12. The SBSTA considered these sub-items at its 3<sup>rd</sup> and --- meetings, on 3 and --- June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/1.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

F. Attendance

[to be completed]

G. Documentation

13. The documents before the SBSTA at its eighth session are listed in annex II.

III. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

14. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings on 2, 3 and --- June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1998/2 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.1.

15. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 2 June, statements were made by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Director of the Global Climate Observing System of the World Meteorological Organization and the Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, all of whom also responded to questions.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
(Agenda item 4)

A. Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention  
(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings on 3 and --- June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/3.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:  
methodological aspects of consideration process

(Agenda item 4 (b))

17. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 3 June. Statements were made by representatives of three Parties.

18. The SBSTA noted that, as indicated in the annotations to the provisional agenda (FCCC/SBSTA/1998/1, paras. 23-25), in view of the agreed division of labour, this item would be discussed by the SBI. Since there were no methodological issues under this sub-item that needed to be addressed at the current session, there was, therefore, no need for an input from the SBSTA.

19. The SBSTA further noted, however, that it would examine any methodological issues arising from the consideration of this item by the SBI at a future session.

V. ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION: EDUCATION, TRAINING  
AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

20. The SBSTA considered this item at its 7<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 5 and --- June, respectively.

21. An informal workshop on this item, organized by the secretariat in collaboration with UNEP, was held on 9 June. The informal workshop was chaired by the Chairman of the SBSTA, who made an oral report on its conclusions to the SBSTA at its --- meeting.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]



VI. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES  
(Agenda item 6)

A. Emissions inventories  
(Agenda item 6 (a))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 4 and --- June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1998/4 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.2.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Land-use change and forestry - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (a)  
(Agenda item 6 (b))

1. Proceedings

23. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 4 and --- June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1 and FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.1.

24. At the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on 4 June, a statement was made by a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (d)

(Agenda item 6 (c))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 4 and --- June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.1 and Add.2.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil  
(Agenda item 6 (d))

1. Proceedings

26. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 7<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 5 and --- June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

E. Other matters, including matters referred to the SBSTA by the SBI  
(Agenda item 6 (e))

1. Proceedings

27. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 7<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 5 and --- June, respectively.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES  
(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

28. The SBSTA considered this item at its 6<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 4 and --- June, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1998/5, FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.5 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.4. The Chairman recalled that, for technical reasons, document FCCC/TP/1998/1 would not be available at the current session. Instead, the document would be presented to the SBSTA at its ninth session.

29. At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 4 June, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairman of the International Energy Agency (IEA) Energy and Environmental Technologies Information Centres (EETIC).

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VIII. MECHANISMS  
(Agenda item 8)

- A. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase
- B. Joint implementation - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (c)
- C. Clean development mechanism - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (e)
- D. Emissions trading - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (b)

1. Proceedings

30. This item, including its four sub-items, was considered by the SBSTA at its 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, which were held jointly with the SBI, on 2, 3, 8 and --- June, respectively. The subsidiary bodies had before them the following documents: FCCC/SB/1998/2, FCCC/SBSTA/1998/ INF.3, FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.1 and Add.1 and 3 and FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.2 and Add.1.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IX. ROSTER OF EXPERTS  
(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

31. The SBSTA considered this item at its 7<sup>th</sup> and --- meetings, on 5 and --- June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.4.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. REPORT ON THE SESSION  
(Agenda item 10)

32. At its --- meeting, on --- June, the SBSTA considered the draft report on the work of its eighth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1998/L.1).

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