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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBSTA/1998/9.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Centro de exposiciones del Gobierno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 3-10 November 1998.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Kok Kee Chow (Malaysia), opened the session on 3 November 1998. He welcomed all delegates and observers to the session and thanked the Government of Argentina for its generous hospitality as the host of the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The Chairman noted that the task of the SBSTA at its ninth session was clear; it should aim to seek consensus among Parties in order to prepare draft decisions for adoption by the COP. The Chairman recalled that the COP had referred a number of items to the SBSTA for its consideration, consisting of both on-going work under the Convention and matters arising from the Kyoto Protocol. He emphasized that the SBSTA should aim to strike an appropriate balance between these two areas of work. The Chairman observed that the SBSTA would need to work intensively to prepare draft decisions for the COP in a timely manner on the many issues before it. He expressed confidence, however, that delegates would rise to this challenge and work together in a spirit of cooperation to advance the Convention process.
3. Also at the 1st meeting, on 3 November, a statement was made by Dr. Robert Watson, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In his statement, Dr. Watson focused on the IPCC work programme and provided information on the status of preparation of information requested by the SBSTA, including on the special report on land-use, land-use change and forestry.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. At its 1st meeting, on 3 November, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/CP/1998/1, annex I.
5. Statements were made by representatives of two Parties after which the SBSTA agreed to adopt the following agenda:
 1. Opening of the session.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;

- (b) Organization of work;
 - (c) Election of officers.
3. Matters referred to the SBSTA by the plenary of the Conference of the Parties.
 4. Other matters.
 5. Adoption of the report.

B. Organization of work

(Agenda item 2 (b))

6. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 3 November. It had before it the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/CP/1998/1/Add.1, annex III. The Chairman noted that that schedule should be used as a guide to the organization of work of the SBSTA, but that flexibility would be required to respond to the pace of progress.

7. The Chairman recalled that the COP, at its 2nd plenary meeting the previous day, had referred a number of items to the SBSTA for its consideration. Some of these had been allocated to both the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) for their joint consideration. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBSTA to the items before it, which were as follows:

- Development and transfer of technologies (decision 13/CP.1)
(COP agenda item 4(c));
- Activities implemented jointly: review of progress under the pilot phase
(decision 5/CP.1) (to be considered jointly with the SBI)
(COP agenda item 4(f));
- Research and systematic observation (Articles 4.1(g) and 5 of the Convention)
(COP agenda item 4(h)(i));
- Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil
(COP agenda item 4(h)(ii));
- Land-use change and forestry (COP, agenda item 5(a)(i));
- Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (to be considered jointly with the SBI)
(COP agenda item 5(a)(ii));
- Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol (to be considered jointly with the SBI)
(COP agenda item 5(a)(iii));

- Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol (to be considered jointly with the SBI) (COP agenda item 5(a)(iv));
- Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period (COP agenda item 5(a)(v));
- Matters related to decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6: preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (to be considered jointly with the SBI); (COP agenda item 5(b)).

8. The Chairman recalled that, at the request of the COP, he had agreed to consult with the Chairman of the SBI on whether COP agenda item 4(e), an item referred to the SBI, should also be considered by the SBSTA.

9. The Chairman underscored that the SBSTA should complete its work by 10 November, to enable him to present recommended draft decisions to the COP on 11 November.

10. Finally, the Chairman recalled that the COP, at its 2nd plenary meeting the previous day, had adopted a decision on the attendance of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations at contact groups (decision _/CP.4). He noted that the SBSTA would adhere to this decision in its work.

C. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2(c))

11. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and _ meetings, on 3 and _ November, respectively.

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III. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE SBSTA BY THE PLENARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

(Agenda item 3)

A. Development and transfer of technologies (decision 13/CP.1)

(Agenda item 4(c) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

12. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 5th and _ meetings, on 4 and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1998/6, FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.5 and Add.1-3 and FCCC/TP/1998/1.

13. At the 5th meeting, on 4 November, a statement was made by the Chairman of the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI).

14. Also at its 5th meeting, on 4 November, the SBSTA agreed to consider this matter by way of a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Renate Christ (European Community) and Ms. Wanna Tanunчайwatana (Thailand).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Activities implemented jointly: review of progress under the pilot phase (decision 5/CP.1)

(Agenda item 4(f) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

15. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 3rd and _ meetings, which were held jointly with the SBI, on 3 and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1998/2, FCCC/CP/1998/INF.3 and FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.7 and Add.1-2.

16. At the joint meeting on 3 November, the Chairmen of the SBSTA and the SBI invited Ms. Cornelia Quennet-Thielen (Germany) to assist them in conducting informal consultations on this matter.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Research and systematic observation (Articles 4.1(g) and 5 of the Convention)

(Agenda item 4(h)(i) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

17. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 5th, 7th and _ meetings, on 4, 5 and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1998/7 and FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.2.

18. At the 5th meeting, on 4 November, the comprehensive report on the adequacy of the global observing systems, prepared in response to decision 8/CP.3, was presented to the SBSTA

by a representative of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS). Statements were also made by representatives of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

19. At the 5th meeting, on 4 November, the Chairman invited Ms. Susan Barrell (Australia) and Mr. Mohamed Mhita (United Republic of Tanzania) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this matter.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil

(Agenda item 4(h)(ii) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

20. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 2nd and _ meetings, on 3 and _ November, respectively.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

E. Land-use change and forestry

(Agenda item 5(a)(i) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

21. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 1st and _ meetings, on 3 and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1998/INF.4, FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.1 and Add.1-2 and FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.9 and Add.1-2.

22. At the 1st meeting, on 3 November, Mr. Paul Maclons (South Africa), co-chair with Mr. Maciej Sadowski (Poland) of the first SBSTA workshop on land-use, land-use change and forestry (Rome, 24-25 September 1998), presented a report to the SBSTA on that workshop on behalf of the co-chairs.

23. Also at the 1st meeting, a statement was made by a representative of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). In addition, the Chairman recalled the information

provided by the Chairman of the IPCC at the start of that meeting on the status of preparation of the special report on land-use, land-use change and forestry.

24. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Paul Maclons and Mr. Maciej Sadowski to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

F. Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol

Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol

Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 5(a)(ii-iv) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered these matters at its 4th and _ meetings, which were held jointly with the SBI, on 4 and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.7 and Add.1-2.

26. At the joint meeting on 4 November, the SBSTA and the SBI agreed to consider this issue by way of a joint contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Yvo de Boer (Netherlands) and Mr. Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil).

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

G. Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period

(Agenda item 5(a)(v) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

27. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 2nd and _ meetings, on 3 and _ November, respectively.

28. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 November, the Chairman invited Mr. Ole Plougmann (Denmark), Vice-President of the COP at its fourth session, to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this matter.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

H. Matters related to decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6: preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

(Agenda item 5(b) of the Conference of the Parties)

1. Proceedings

29. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 6th and _ meetings, held jointly with the SBI, on 5 and _ November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/CP/1998/3.

30. At the joint meeting on 6 November, the Chairmen of the SBSTA and the SBI invited Mr. Espen Ronneberg (Marshall Islands), Vice-President of the COP at its fourth session, to assist them in conducting informal consultations on this matter.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 4)

31. The SBSTA considered this item at its 7th and _ meetings, on 5 and _ November, respectively.

32. The Chairman noted that a matter requiring the attention of the SBSTA under this agenda item was the question of methodological issues relating to national communications from Annex I Parties. On this matter, the SBSTA had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/1998/7, FCCC/SBSTA/1998/8 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.6 and Add.1-2.

33. A statement was made by a representative of the UNEP Collaborating Centre at Risoe, Denmark.

34. At the 7th meeting, on 5 November, a Party raised a further matter under this agenda item, concerning available technologies to limit and reduce emissions of hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons and the relationship between the Kyoto Protocol and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

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2. Conclusions

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V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

(Agenda item 5)

35. At its _ meeting, on _ November, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its ninth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1998/L.8).

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