

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Tenth session

Bonn, 31 May - 11 June 1999

Agenda item 9

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. At its 8th meeting, on 11 June 1999, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), having considered a proposal by the Chairman, adopted the following conclusions.

A. Improving the intergovernmental process

2. The SBI took note of the proposals by the Executive Secretary contained in document FCCC/SBI/1999/2 to improve the intergovernmental process, including those relating to the issue of transparency, and decided to take up the matter again at its eleventh session.

B. Conference of the Parties at its fifth session

3. The SBI welcomed the nomination of Mr. Jan Szyszko, Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and Forestry of Poland, by the Group of Eastern European States as President designate of COP 5.

4. The SBI invited the President of COP 4 to continue her informal consultations on the election of the remaining members of the COP 5 Bureau with a view to having the complete list of candidatures ready, if possible, before the opening of the fifth session.

5. The SBI noted that the Executive Secretary would take into account views expressed by the Parties at the session when preparing the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the COP, in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

6. The SBI recommended that the opening of COP 5 should take place on 25 October 1999 to consider organizational matters, to be followed immediately by the sessions of the subsidiary bodies that will recommend decisions and conclusions for adoption by COP 5.

7. The SBI recommended that there should be a high-level segment attended by ministers and other heads of delegation at COP 5 from the afternoon of 2 November 1999 to midday on 4 November 1999. The high-level segment would provide for brief policy statements of three to four minutes' duration on the afternoon of 2 November 1999 that would highlight key points from full texts that would be circulated (on the understanding that all ministers and heads of delegation wishing to make such statements would be accommodated during the afternoon/evening of 2 November 1999). Further, the high-level segment would provide for an exchange of views among ministers and other heads of delegation in plenary meetings in an open and transparent manner from the morning of 3 November 1999 to midday on 4 November 1999. There would be no formal conclusions or recommendations. The exchange of views would be organized around the following themes:

- Progress made in dealing with climate change: lessons and challenges;
- The way forward: promoting implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and early entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol.

C. Conference of the Parties at its sixth session

8. The SBI welcomed the generous offer of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to host COP 6¹ and decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session that the offer be accepted.

9. The SBI requested the secretariat to start planning for COP 6 with the Netherlands and to draw up the necessary host country agreement, pending confirmation by COP 5.

D. Calendar of meetings

10. In the light of the offer by the Netherlands to host COP 6, as well as statements made by delegations, and other developments, during the current session, the SBI invited COP 5 to review the dates for the second sessional period in 2000 and agreed to return to the matter at its eleventh session with a view to recommending, as necessary, revised dates to COP 5 for the relevant sessional periods.

11. The SBI decided to recommend the following calendar of meetings for the years 2001 to 2003 for adoption by COP 5:

¹ Statement by the Netherlands at the 7th meeting on 7 June 1999: "... We have at the moment booked conference facilities from the 13th to the 24th of November in the year 2000. Now, we understand from the discussion here last week and previous discussions that there are also Parties here who feel that COP 6 should be held in 2001. Since we feel that it is not our place as host to dictate the dates one way or another we have available both the dates in November 2000 and we would also make facilities available in the spring of 2001, if the COP were to decide that that is more appropriate. So, we are flexible either way...".

- (a) First sessional period in 2001: 21 May to 1 June 2001²;
- (b) Second sessional period in 2001: 29 October to 9 November 2001³;
- (c) First sessional period in 2002: 3 to 14 June 2002;
- (d) Second sessional period in 2002: 28 October to 8 November 2002;
- (e) First sessional period in 2003: 2 to 13 June 2003;
- (f) Second sessional period in 2003: 1 to 12 December 2003.

² Pending a decision by COP 5 on the second sessional period in 2000.

³ Pending a decision by COP 5 on the second sessional period in 2000.