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REPORT ON THE SESSION

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on its eleventh session**

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at its eleventh session

¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBI/1999/14.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eleventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, Germany from 25 October to 5 November 1999.
2. The Chairman of the SBI, Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the session on 25 October 1999. He welcomed all delegates and observers to the session and thanked the Government of Germany for its generous hospitality as the host of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP). The Chairman recalled that the goals of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action are ambitious and the deadline for recommending draft decisions on a number of complex issues for adoption by the Conference at its sixth session is just 12-15 months away. He observed that the SBI would need to work intensively in order to complete work on the many items on its agenda. He expressed confidence that delegates would rise to this challenge and work together in a spirit of cooperation.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 25 October, the SBI considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/1.
4. The Chairman recalled that, for procedural reasons, the COP had added to the provisional agenda for its fifth session an item entitled "Matters relating to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol". The Chairman proposed to add the same item to the provisional agenda of the SBI, as item 13. He noted his understanding that, as the issue concerned both subsidiary bodies, the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) would propose a similar amendment to the SBSTA provisional agenda. As agreed by the COP that morning, this new item would be taken up in conjunction with the item on "Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol)", item 3 on the provisional agendas of the subsidiary bodies.
5. The SBI 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;
 - (c) Election of officers.
- 3. Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol).
- 4. Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol.
- 5. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
- 6. Mechanisms pursuant to Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol.
- 7. Capacity-building.
- 8. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:²
 - (a) Greenhouse gas inventory data, 1990-1997;
 - (b) Guidelines for the technical reviews of greenhouse gas inventories;
 - (c) Matters referred by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.
- 9. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Matters related to the consideration of non-Annex I Party communications;
 - (b) Provision of financial and technical support.
- 10. Financial mechanism:
 - (a) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) Input from Parties to the review by the Global Environment Facility of enabling activities.
- 11. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
 - (a) Improving the intergovernmental process;
 - (b) Date and venue of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (c) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2000-2003.

² See also item 8 of the agenda of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its eleventh session.

12. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;
 - (b) Income and budget performance in the biennium 1998-1999;
 - (c) Arrangements for administrative support to the Convention;
 - (d) Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations;
 - (e) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
13. Matters relating to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol.
14. Report on the session.

B. Organization of work

(Agenda item 2 (b))

6. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 25 October. It had before it the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/1, section IV. The Chairman noted that the tentative schedule of meetings should be used as a guide to the organization of work of the SBI, but that flexibility would be required to respond to the pace of progress.

7. The Chairman emphasized that Parties should conclude their consideration of the items before them by Monday, 1 November. Work on items included in the agendas of both the SBSTA and the SBI would need to be completed by Wednesday, 4 November.

C. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2(c))

8. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 25 October.

9. The Chairman informed the SBI that agreement had been reached among the regional groups on the nomination of the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. On the invitation of the Chairman, the SBI elected Mr. Mohamad Reza Salamat (Islamic Republic of Iran), and Mr. Klaus Radunsky (Austria) as Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the SBI, respectively, both serving a second term in these positions.

10. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Salamat and Mr. Radunsky on their election, and noted that he looked forward to working with them to promote the success of the session.

**III. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4.8 AND 4.9 OF THE
CONVENTION (DECISION 3/CP.3 AND ARTICLES 2.3
AND 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL)**

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

11. The SBI considered this matter at its 2nd, 3rd, 6th and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 26, 26 and 29 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1999/9.

12. At the 3rd meeting of the SBI held jointly with the SBSTA on 26 October, at the invitation of the Chairmen, Mr. Chow Kok Kee, former Chairman of the SBSTA, provided a report on the outcome of the workshop related to this item, which was held in Bonn from 21 to 24 September 1999, in accordance with the terms of reference adopted by the SBSTA at its tenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/6, annex I).

13. At their joint meeting on 26 October, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider this item by way of a joint contact group. The Chairmen appointed Mr. Bo Kjellen (Sweden) and Mr. Mohamad Reza Salamat (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman of the SBI, to co-chair this contact group.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**IV. PROCEDURES AND MECHANISMS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE
UNDER THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

(Agenda item4)

1. Proceedings

14. The SBI considered this matter at its 3rd, 6th and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 26 and 29 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/7 and Add.1, and FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.12 and Add.1-2.

15. At the joint meeting on 26 October, the Chairmen referred discussion of this item to the joint working group (JWG) established by decision 8/CP.4, under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) and Mr. Espen Ronneberg (Marshall Islands).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

V. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY UNDER THE PILOT PHASE

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

16. The SBI considered this matter at its 3rd, 4th, 6th and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA on 26, 26 and 29 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/5 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

17. At the 4th meeting of the SBI, held jointly with the SBSTA on 26 October, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider this item by way of a joint contact group, chaired by Mr. Yvo de Boer (Netherlands).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VI. MECHANISMS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 6, 12 AND 17
OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

18. The SBI considered this matter at its 4th, 6th and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 26 and 29 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/1999/8 and Add.1 and FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.10 and Add.1.

19. At the joint meeting on 26 October, at the invitation of the Chairmen, Mr. Chow Kok Kee, former Chairman of the SBSTA, introduced the revised and consolidated synthesis of proposals by Parties (FCCC/SB/1999/8 and Add.1), on behalf of the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies. As Chairman of the SBSTA in the inter-sessional period leading up to the eleventh sessions of the subsidiary bodies, Mr. Chow Kok Kee had prepared this document together with Mr. Salamat, Vice-Chairman of the SBI, acting on behalf of the SBI Chairman, and with the assistance of the secretariat.

20. At the joint meeting on 26 October, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider this item by way of a joint contact group, chaired by Mr. Chow Kok Kee (Malaysia).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. CAPACITY-BUILDING

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

21. The SBI considered this matter at its 3rd, 6th and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 26 and 29 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/CP/1999/3, FCCC/SB/1999/5, FCCC/SB/1999/6, FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.9, FCCC/SB/1999/MISC.11, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.7, FCCC/SBSTA/1999/10, FCCC/SBSTA/1999/11, and FCCC/SBSTA/1999/INF.8 and Add.1.

22. At the joint meeting on 26 October, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider this item by way of a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. John Ashe, Chairman of the SBI, and Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder (United States of America).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VIII. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES
INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

A. Greenhouse gas inventory data, 1990-1997

(Agenda item 8 (a))

1. Proceedings

23. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th and ___ meetings, on 27 October and ___ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/12 and FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.6.

24. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Guidelines for the technical reviews of greenhouse gas inventories

(Agenda item 8 (b))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 25 October and _ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/13 and FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.7.

26. At its 1st meeting, on 25 October, the SBI agreed that this item should be considered by the joint contact group established under item 8 (a) of the agenda of the SBSTA and co-chaired by Mr. Mark Mwandosya (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Jim Penman (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Matters referred by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

(Agenda item 8 (c))

1. Proceedings

27. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th and _ meetings, on 27 October and _ November, respectively.

28. The Chairman proposed that the SBI consider this matter after the SBSTA had arrived at conclusions on the revisions to part II of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, with the aim of submitting these revisions for adoption by the COP at its fifth session.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**IX. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES
NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**
(Agenda item 9)

A. Matters related to the consideration of non-Annex I Party communications
(Agenda item 9 (a))

1. Proceedings

29. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 25 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/11, FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.3, and FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.4 and Add.1.

30. At its 1st meeting, on 25 October, the SBI agreed to consider this item by way of a contact group, chaired by Mr. Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Provision of financial and technical support
(Agenda item 9 (b))

1. Proceedings

31. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 25 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.6, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.7, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.8, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.4/Add.1 and FCCC/TP/1999/3.

32. At its 1st meeting, on 25 October, the SBI agreed to consider this item by way of the contact group established under item 9 (a) of its agenda (see paragraph 30 above).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. FINANCIAL MECHANISM
(Agenda item 10)

A. Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties
(Agenda item 10 (a))

1. Proceedings

33. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 25 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/CP/1999/3.

34. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Input from Parties to the review by the Global Environment Facility of enabling activities

(Agenda item 10 (b))

1. Proceedings

35. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 25 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.10 and FCCC/SBI/1999/MISC.5.

36. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XI. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

(Agenda item 11)

A. Improving the intergovernmental process

(Agenda item 11 (a))

1. Proceedings

37. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1999/2.

38. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

39. At its __ meeting on __ November, the SBI, on the proposal of the Chairman, took note of the views expressed by Parties and the explanations offered by the Executive Secretary concerning the secretariat's efforts to ensure the timely availability of documents in hard copy and in electronic form and to work with the United Nations Office at Geneva to improve the distribution of translated versions.

[to be completed]

B. Date and venue of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties

C. Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2000-2003

(Agenda item 11 (b) and (c))

1. Proceedings

40. The SBI considered these sub-items at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively.

41. The Chairman proposed that he would undertake consultations regarding sub-item 11 (b) and prepare a draft decision for the SBI to recommend to the COP for adoption, and that he would prepare draft conclusions on sub-item 11 (c) for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
(Agenda item 12)

A. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001
(Agenda item 12 (a))

1. Proceedings

42. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/8 and FCCC/CP/1999/INF.1.

43. The Chairman said that he would undertake consultations with a view to finalizing the draft decision prepared by the SBI at its at the tenth session (FCCC/SBI/1999/8, annex I).

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Income and budget performance in the biennium 1998-1999
C. Arrangements for administrative support to the Convention
(Agenda item 12 (b) and (c))

1. Proceedings

44. The SBI considered these sub-items at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/10 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.9 and FCCC/SBI/1999/INF.11.

45. The Chairman said that he would undertake consultations with a view to presenting a draft decision for the SBI to recommend to the COP for adoption.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations

(Agenda item 12 (d))

1. Proceedings

46. The SBI considered this matter at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/1999/7 and FCCC/SBI/1999/8.

47. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

2. Conclusions

48. At its __ meeting on __, the SBI, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that consideration of the juridical personality of the Convention secretariat on the international plane should be deferred and taken up in 2001 in conjunction with the review of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, which is to be completed by 31 December of that year.

E. Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement

(Agenda item 12 (e))

1. Proceedings

49. The SBI considered this matter at its 5th and __ meetings, on 27 October and __ November, respectively.

50. The Chairman proposed that he would prepare draft conclusions for consideration by the SBI.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

51. At its __ meeting, on __, the SBI heard statements by the Executive Secretary and a representative of the Federal Republic of Germany on the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Convention secretariat. The Executive Secretary described the positive evolution of the relations of the United Nations entities in Bonn with the authorities of the host Government and the City of Bonn. He indicated that the secretariat needed additional office space, to accommodate growing levels of activity and staff, and expressed the hope that the integrity of the secretariat would be maintained within a "United Nations House" in Bonn. He pointed to the need for access to improved conference facilities, at an affordable cost, stating that COP 5 had shown the limits of

the premises currently used. He looked forward to working out solutions on these matters with the host authorities and the other members of the United Nations family in Bonn. The representative of the Federal Republic of Germany referred to the ongoing contact with the secretariat and indicated the willingness of his Government to find mutually satisfactory solutions to the issues of office space and conference facilities. He stated that it is the intention of the Government of Germany to convert the former parliament plenary area into an international conference centre, with priority given to United Nations events.

XIII. MATTERS RELATING TO ARTICLE 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

(Agenda item 13)

1. Proceedings

52. At its 1st meeting, on 25 October, the SBI agreed to consider this item in a coordinated manner with the SBSTA, and in conjunction with its agenda item 3, "Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol)". Conclusions on this item may therefore be found in paragraphs __ to __ above.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XIV. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 14)

53. At its __ meeting on __ November, the SBI considered the draft report on its eleventh session (FCCC/SBI/1999/L.8).

[to be completed]
