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¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBI/2000/5.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twelfth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, Germany from 12 to 16 June 2000.
2. The Chairman of the SBI, Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the session on 12 June 2000. He welcomed all Parties and observers to the session. He noted that this twelfth session was an unusual one, as it came after a week of informal meetings and workshops during which in-depth discussions had been held on several issues. The Chairman remarked that the pre-session week had yielded important progress, which the SBI should now build on to pave the way for success at COP 6. He emphasized that, for many issues, the aim for the twelfth session of the SBI should be to agree on negotiating texts that would prepare the ground for substantive negotiations at the thirteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. He reported that the Convention had now received a total of 184 instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, while the number of ratifications or accessions to the Kyoto Protocol had reached 22. He concluded by urging Parties to use the limited time available as efficiently as possible.
3. The Executive Secretary conveyed his best wishes to Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, for a continuing recovery from his recent operation.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. At its 1st meeting, on 12 June, the SBI considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/1.
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.
 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. Matters relating to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol.

5. Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol.
6. Mechanisms pursuant to Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol.
7. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: experience with the review of second national communications.
8. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Report of the first meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts;
 - (b) Provision of financial and technical support.
9. Financial mechanism:
 - (a) Progress report on the review by the Global Environment Facility of enabling activities;
 - (b) Progress report on the review by the Global Environment Facility of its capacity-building activities;
 - (c) Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility: support to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
10. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings.
11. Administrative and financial matters.
12. Report on the session.

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

6. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 12 June. It had before it the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/1, annex III. 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.

**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)

MATTERS RELATING TO ARTICLE 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

7. The SBI considered these items together at its 2nd and ___ meetings, held jointly with the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on 12 and ___ June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/2000/2.

8. At the 2nd meeting, held jointly with the SBSTA on 12 June, the Chairman of the SBSTA provided a report on the outcome of the workshops mandated by decision 12/CP.5² on these items, which were held in Bonn from 9 to 11 March 2000 and from 13 to 15 March 2000.

9. Also at the 2nd meeting, Mr. Bo Kjellen (Sweden) and Mr. Mohamad Reza Salamat (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman of the SBI, provided a report on the informal meetings relating to these items, which they had chaired during the pre-sessional week at the request of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies.

10. At their joint meeting on 12 June, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider these items by way of a joint contact group. The chairmen appointed Mr. Kjellen and Mr. Salamat 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 item 5)

1. Proceedings

11. The SBI considered this item at its 2nd and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 12 and ___ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/2000/1 and FCCC/SB/2000/MISC.2 and Corr.1.

² For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session, see document FCCC/CP/1999/6/Add.1.

12. At the joint meeting on 12 June, Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa) provided a report on the informal meetings relating to this item, which he had chaired during the pre-session week together with Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), Chairman of the SBSTA, at the request of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies.

13. At the same meeting, the chairmen referred discussion of this item to the Joint Working Group on Compliance (JWG) established by decision 8/CP.4,³ under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Dovland and Mr. Slade.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

14. The SBI considered this item at its 2nd and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBSTA, on 12 and ___ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SB/2000/3 and FCCC/SB/2000/MISC.1 and Add.1.

15. At the joint meeting on 12 June, a report was provided by Mr. Kok Kee Chow (Malaysia) on the workshop he had chaired relating to this item in the pre-session week, at the request of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies.

16. Also at their joint meeting on 12 June, the subsidiary bodies agreed to consider this item by way of a joint contact group, chaired by Mr. Chow.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

³ For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, see document FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1.

**VI. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES
INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION:
EXPERIENCE WITH THE REVIEW OF SECOND
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

17. The SBI considered this item at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 12 and 14 June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/2000/3 and FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.6.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

18. At its 4th meeting, on 14 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the information and options contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/3 on the experience with the review of second national communications of Annex I Parties and the information contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.6 on the progress made with in-depth reviews of second national communications;

(b) The SBI welcomed the fact that the majority of in-depth review visits had taken place and that most of the corresponding reports had been published. It requested the secretariat to conduct as soon as practicable the reviews of those national communications yet to be submitted, and to encompass requests by Parties for review;

(c) The SBI concluded that it would consider at its fourteenth session the issue of developing guidelines for the review of national communications under the Convention, including the options described in document FCCC/SBI/2000/3, and that its considerations at that session should also take into account the guidelines to be developed for the review of national communications under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;

(d) The SBI requested the secretariat to organize in 2001 a workshop, subject to the availability of resources, to exchange information among Annex I Parties on preparations for third national communications and ways to ensure expertise in the review process.

VII. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 8)

A. Report of the first meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts

(Agenda item 8 (a))

1. Proceedings

19. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 12 and 14 June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.4.

20. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, at the invitation of the Chairman, the newly elected Chairman of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties Not Included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE), Mr. José Miguez (Brazil), provided the SBI with an oral report on the Group's first meeting.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

21. At its 4th meeting, on 14 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI noted with appreciation the information presented by the Chairman of the CGE and in document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.4, regarding the work plan of the CGE for the period 2000-2001 and the conclusions and recommendations of its regional workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean, respectively;

(b) The SBI further took note of views expressed by Parties on the work plan of the CGE and urged the Group to provide, in accordance with decision 8/CP.5, specific recommendations for the improvement of the national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their fourteenth sessions, in order that a decision could be taken at COP 7;

(c) The SBI urged Annex II Parties to contribute financially to the work of the CGE;

(d) The SBI decided to continue its consideration of this sub-item at its resumed thirteenth session, by requesting the Chairman of the CGE to present an updated report on the work of the Group.

B. Provision of financial and technical support

(Agenda item 8 (b))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 12 and 14 June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.1 and FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.2.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

23. At its 4th meeting, on 14 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI noted with appreciation the information contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.1 about the activities undertaken by the secretariat to facilitate the provision of financial and technical support, and the status of preparation of communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(b) The SBI took note of views expressed by Parties and of the information on action taken by the GEF to provide financial and technical assistance for the preparation of initial national communications contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.2.

VIII. FINANCIAL MECHANISM

(Agenda item 9)

A. Progress report on the review by the Global Environment Facility of enabling activities

(Agenda item 9 (a))

B. Progress report on the review by the Global Environment Facility of its capacity-building activities

(Agenda item 9 (b))

1. Proceedings

24. The SBI considered these sub-items at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 12 and 14 June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.3 and FCCC/SB/2000/INF.4.

25. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, at the invitation of the Chairman, the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility provided the SBI with an oral report on both of these sub-items.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

26. At its 4th meeting on 14 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on progress in the review of its enabling activities, its capacity-building activities in its normal work programme, its Country Dialogue Workshops and its Capacity Development Initiative (CDI) (FCCC/SB/2000/INF.4);

(b) The SBI noted with satisfaction the work undertaken so far by the GEF in its review of enabling activities and further noted the importance of the review process being transparent, involving key stakeholders in the countries concerned and addressing gaps in information on capacity-building needs and priorities;

(c) The SBI requested that the final report of the GEF reflect both the achievements and the problems encountered in the implementation of enabling activities;

(d) The SBI recognized that the findings of the review of enabling activities could provide inputs to the UNFCCC negotiations on capacity-building;

(e) The SBI invited the GEF Council to forward the report on the review of its enabling activities for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session;

(f) The SBI noted with appreciation the progress made by the GEF in the preparation of its Capacity Development Initiative;

(g) The SBI stressed that the CDI process should be country-driven, take long-term perspectives on capacity-building needs and priorities, and ensure that this process takes into consideration the progress made in capacity-building negotiations under the UNFCCC.

C. Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility: support to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

(Agenda item 9(c))

1. Proceedings

27. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 12 and 14 June respectively.

28. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, at the invitation of the Chairman, the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Mr. Bob Watson, provided the SBI with an oral status report on this matter.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

29. At its 4th meeting, on 14 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the statement by the Chairman of the IPCC about the status of a project on "Assessment of Impacts of, and Adaptation to, Climate Change in Multiple Regions and Sectors in Coordination with the IPCC". A project feasibility proposal had recently been approved by the Global Environment Facility (GEF);

(b) The SBI noted the importance of the project's objectives, namely, to develop national and regional capacity to undertake assessments of climate change impacts and adaptation response options, and to improve the level of participation of developing country experts in the IPCC assessments of climate change;

(c) The SBI anticipated with satisfaction the consideration of the full project by the GEF Council at its next meeting and its prompt implementation;

(d) The SBI requested the Chairman of the IPCC, in consultation with the GEF Secretariat, to report on the further development of the project at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions.

IX. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

(Agenda item 10)

1. Proceedings

30. The SBI considered this item at its 3rd meeting on 13 June. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2000/4.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

31. At its 3rd meeting, on 13 June, on the proposal of the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI welcomed the generous offer of the Government of France to host the thirteenth sessions (part one, see also d) of the subsidiary bodies of the Convention in the city of

Lyon and requested the Executive Secretary to conclude a host country agreement with the Government of France on arrangements for the sessions. The SBI underlined the importance of achieving substantial progress at the sessions in Lyon to engender political visibility and momentum in the run-up to COP 6;

(b) The SBI welcomed the designation of Mr. Jan Pronk, Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment of the Netherlands, as President of COP 6;

(c) The SBI noted that the Executive Secretary would take into account views expressed by Parties at its twelfth session when preparing the provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure being applied;

(d) The SBI concluded that the opening of COP 6 should take place on Monday, 13 November 2000 to elect the President and to consider certain organizational matters, to be followed immediately by the second part of the thirteenth session of the subsidiary bodies that would recommend decisions and conclusions for adoption by COP 6. The SBI endorsed the scenario for the organization of COP 6 set out in document FCCC/SBI/2000/4, paragraphs 11-12;

(e) The SBI underlined the importance of enhanced participation in COP 6 and the important meetings leading up to it. It expressed the hope that additional contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process would be forthcoming in the next few months;

(f) The SBI took note of the dates proposed by the secretariat for the sessional periods in 2004 and decided to recommend the following for adoption by COP 6:

- (i) First sessional period: from 14 to 25 June 2004 ; and
- (ii) Second sessional period: from [22 November to 3 December] 2004;

(g) The SBI welcomed the generous offer by Morocco to host COP 7 and requested the secretariat to review the facilities and report to the SBI at its thirteenth session, with a view to agreeing on a draft decision by SBI at its thirteenth session;

(h) The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare elements of a draft statement on the UNFCCC process to the Rio+10 meeting, which is to take place in the year 2002, for review by the SBI at its fourteenth session with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 11)

1. Proceedings

32. The SBI considered this item at its 3rd and __ meetings, on 13 and __ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBI/2000/2 and FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.5.

33. The Executive Secretary made a statement on some aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XI. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 12)

34. At its __ meeting, on __ June, the SBI considered the draft report on its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/L.1).

35. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chairman.

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