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REPORT ON THE SESSION

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on its twelfth session**

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Technological Advice at its twelfth session

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

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twelfth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, Germany from 12 to 16 June 2000.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), opened the session on 12 June 2000. The Chairman 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 on the SBSTA agenda. The Chairman remarked that the pre-session week had yielded important progress, which the SBSTA 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 SBSTA should be to agree on negotiating texts that would prepare the ground for substantive negotiations at the thirteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies. He concluded by urging Parties to use the limited time available as efficiently as possible.
3. The Executive Secretary conveyed condolences, on behalf of the secretariat, to the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic for the passing away of President Hafez Al-Assad.
4. The Executive Secretary 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 expressed the hope that the informal meetings and workshops held in the pre-session week would give the SBSTA a head start to make maximum progress during its formal twelfth session. He invited feedback from delegates on the organization of the pre-session week, which the secretariat would take into consideration when planning the next one, prior to the thirteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

5. At its 1st meeting, on 12 June, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2000/1.
6. The SBSTA 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. “Best practices” in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
8. Methodological issues:
 - (a) Land-use, land-use change and forestry;
 - (b) Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Good practice guidance and uncertainty management in national greenhouse gas inventories;
 - (d) Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation;
 - (e) Other matters.
9. Development and transfer of technologies:
 - (a) Status of the consultative process (decision 4/CP.4);
 - (b) Other matters.
10. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
11. Other matters.
12. Report on the session.

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

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

**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

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

9. At the 2nd meeting, held jointly with the SBI 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.

10. 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 subsidiary body Chairmen.

11. 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.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

12. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBI, 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.

13. 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.

14. At the joint meeting on 12 June, 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

15. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and ___ meetings, held jointly with the SBI, 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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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. "BEST PRACTICES" IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

18. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and __ meetings on 13 and __ June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2000/2.

19. At the 4th meeting, on 13 June, the Chairman reported on informal meetings that he had chaired relating to this item during the pre-sessional week.

20. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. José Roméro (Switzerland) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this item.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 8)

A. Land-use, land-use change and forestry

(Agenda item 8 (a))

1. Proceedings

21. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 12 and __ June respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2000/3.⁴ The SBSTA also had before it the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Special Report on Land-use, Land-use Change and Forestry*.

22. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, a statement was made by Mr. Robert Watson, Chairman of the IPCC, introducing the above-mentioned special report. Also at the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

⁴ The secretariat was requested to issue a corrigendum to this document to correctly reflect data submitted by New Zealand.

23. At the same meeting, Mr. Philip Gwage (Uganda) provided a report on the informal meetings relating to this item which he had co-chaired, together with Mr. Halldor Thorgeirsson (Iceland), during the pre-sessional week, at the request of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies.

24. At its 1st meeting, on 12 June, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Gwage and Mr. Thorgeirsson.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 8 (b))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 12 and __ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.3, FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.5 and Add.1-2 and FCCC/SBSTA/2000/MISC.1 and Add.1.

26. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, a report was provided by Mr. Newton Paciornik (Brazil) on the informal meetings relating to this issue, which he had co-chaired with Ms Helen Plume (New Zealand) during the pre-sessional week, at the request of the subsidiary body chairmen.

27. Also at the 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Paciornik and Ms Plume.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Good practice guidance and uncertainty management in national greenhouse gas inventories

(Agenda item 8 (c))

1. Proceedings

28. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and __ meetings, on 12 and __ June respectively. It had before it the IPCC report, *Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.

29. At the 1st meeting, on 12 June, a statement was made by the Co-Chairman of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, on behalf of the Chairman of the IPCC, introducing the above-mentioned report.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation

(Agenda item 8 (d))

1. Proceedings

30. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and ___ meetings, on 13 and ___ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.4 and FCCC/SBSTA/2000/MISC.5.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

E. Other matters

(Agenda item 8 (e))

1. Proceedings

31. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and ___ meetings, on 13 and ___ June respectively.

32. At the 4th meeting, on 13 June, the Chairman noted that a matter requiring the attention of the SBSTA under this agenda sub-item was the question of emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation, in particular cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

33. At the same meeting, written reports from ICAO and IMO were made available to the SBSTA.

2. Conclusions

34. The SBSTA took note of the information provided by the secretariat regarding emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation, in particular cooperation with ICAO and IMO. The SBSTA took note with appreciation of written progress reports provided by ICAO and IMO on their activities regarding greenhouse gas emissions from aviation and shipping.

VIII. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 9)

A. Status of the consultative process (decision 4/CP.4)

(Agenda item 9 (a))

1. Proceedings

35. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and __ meetings, on 13 and __ June respectively. It had before it the following documents: FCCC/SBSTA/2000/4, FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/2000/INF.6 and FCCC/SB/2000/MISC.2. The SBSTA also had before it the IPCC *Special Report on Methodological and Technological Issues in Technology Transfer*.

36. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 June, the Co-Chairman of IPCC Working Group III made a statement introducing the above-mentioned special report.

37. Also at the 3rd meeting, the Chairman of the SBSTA provided a report on informal meetings that he had convened relating to this item during the pre-session week.

38. At the same meeting, the Chairman announced his intention to continue the meetings of the previously established informal group of "Friends of the Chair" in order to advance the consultative process. He also informed the SBSTA of his intention to convene a contact group on the development and transfer of technologies, at the thirteenth session.

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2. Conclusions

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B. Other matters
(Agenda item 9 (b))

1. Proceedings

39. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and __ meetings, on 13 and __ June respectively.

40. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 June, a statement was made by the Co-Chairman of IPCC Working Group I on the applicability of regional climate models at the scale of small island States.

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IX. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Agenda item 10)

1. Proceedings

41. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and __ meetings, on 13 and __ June respectively.

42. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 June, statements were made by the Chairman of the IPCC and by the Director of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS).

43. Also at the 3rd meeting, statements were made by representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ramsar Convention and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 11)

1. Proceedings

44. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th and __ meetings, on 13 and __ June respectively.

45. At the 4th meeting, on 13 June, the Chairman noted that an issue requiring the attention of the SBSTA under this item was that of education, training and public awareness under Article 6 of the Convention. On this issue, the SBSTA had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2000/MISC.3.

46. At the same meeting, the SBSTA heard a report from the secretariat on proposals to advance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

47. Also at the 4th meeting, the secretariat provided the SBSTA with a report on the status of the roster of experts.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

XI. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 12)

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

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