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REPORT ON THE SESSION

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on its fourteenth session**

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I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fourteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, Germany from 23 to 27 July 2001.
2. The Chairman of the SBI, Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the session on 24 July 2001 and welcomed all delegates and observers to the session. He noted that to date, a total of 186 Parties had ratified or acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with the most recent being Angola, Kyrgyzstan, Equatorial Guinea, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Yugoslavia. The Chairman remarked that as at 15 July 2001, 35 Parties had ratified or acceded to the Kyoto Protocol, the most recent being Gambia.
3. The Chairman explained that in order to allow delegations to focus on the important tasks of the resumed sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the provisional agenda had been kept to a minimum. It included progress reports on inter-sessional activities undertaken since the thirteenth session of the SBI and administrative matters which could not be deferred, leaving a number of substantive items not included in the COP agenda for consideration by the SBI at its fifteenth session.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. At its 1st meeting, on 24 July, the SBI considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/1.
5. The Chairman informed the Parties that during the present session of the subsidiary bodies, no items needed to be considered jointly by both bodies.
6. 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 other than the Chairman.
 3. Reports on inter-sessional activities:
 - (a) Further work concerning least developed countries;

- (b) Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories in Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5).
4. Administrative and financial matters:
- (a) Financial performance 2000-2001;
 - (b) Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;
 - (c) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement;
 - (d) Institutional linkage of the UNFCCC secretariat to the United Nations;
 - (e) Juridical personality of the Convention secretariat on the international plane.
5. Any matters referred to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation by the Conference of the Parties.
6. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

7. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2001/1.

8. The Chairman informed the SBI that the secretariat had received applications for accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies from five intergovernmental organizations and 23 non-governmental organizations. He also stated that these applications had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and in accordance with the procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations as observers. The Chairman stated that following the formal accreditation by the COP on 19 July, he proposed that the SBI allow the listed non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations access to the current session.

C. Election of officers other than the Chairman

(Agenda item 2 (c))

9. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2001/1.

10. The Chairman informed the SBI that according to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure the SBI was expected to elect its Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. He thanked the current incumbents who had been serving since February 1999 and urged that an early agreement be

reached on the nominations by the regional groups. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman informed the SBI that, together with the Chairman of the SBSTA, he had already undertaken some joint consultations with the coordinators of the regional groups regarding the nominations for the posts of vice-chairmen and rapporteurs of the subsidiary bodies, with a view to their early election. He also informed the SBI that he would keep delegates informed of any progress made and, in the interim, he requested the current officers of the SBI to continue in office until their successors were elected.

11. At the 2nd meeting, the SBI invited the Chairman to continue consultations for the SBI bureau during the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties.

III. REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(Agenda item 3)

A. Further work concerning least developed countries

(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

12. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2001/6 and FCCC/SBI/2001/7. At the 1st meeting, on 24 July, a representative of the Least Developed Countries Group presented a report on behalf of the coordinator of the group (Vanuatu) on the steps taken to fulfil the mandate given by the Conference of the Parties at the first part of its sixth session (COP 6, part 1) relating to input to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries which was held in Brussels from 14 to 21 May 2001.

13. At this meeting, the SBI also considered the report of the workshop to develop draft guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/7. Tuvalu, on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group, reported that further work was still needed on developing the above-mentioned guidelines that a workshop would be held to this end in accordance with decision -/CP.6 (decision on Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention recommended to COP 6 for adoption), and that the Republic of the Maldives had offered to host this event.

14. At the same meeting the SBI also considered document FCCC/SBI/2001/6 on the institutional development needs of the least developed countries.

15. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by representatives of four Parties, including two speaking on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

16. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively, the SBI took note of the oral report provided by Tuvalu on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group, on the steps taken to provide input to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. The

SBI also took note of the report of the workshop to develop guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action and noted the progress made in the preparation of these guidelines. The SBI requested that document FCCC/SBI/2001/7 be brought to the attention of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. It expressed its appreciation to the Republic of the Maldives for its offer to host the workshop to develop further guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action. The SBI also took note of the document prepared by the secretariat on the institutional development needs of the least developed countries (FCCC/SBI/2001/6). It also invited those least developed country Parties which had not submitted information on their institutional development needs to do so.

(to be completed)

B. Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

17. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2001/2, FCCC/SBI/2001/3, FCCC/SBI/2001/8 and FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.1.

18. At the first meeting, the Chairman of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) made a presentation on the preliminary report of the CGE to the subsidiary bodies (FCCC/SBI/2001/8).

19. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of 11 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

20. The SBI agreed to establish a Friends of the Chair group chaired by Mr. Phillip Weech (Bahamas) to consider the preliminary report of the CGE.

21. At the 2nd meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman of this group provided a report on the outcome of the group's deliberation.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

22. The SBI, at its first meeting on 24 July, noted the information contained in the reports of the second and third meetings of the CGE (FCCC/SBI/2001/2 and FCCC/SBI/2001/3), and the interregional workshop (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.1).

23. The SBI also noted the information contained in the preliminary report of the CGE (FCCC/SBI/2000/8). Having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to establish a Friends of the Chair group to consider this report.

24. The SBI invites Parties to submit views by 15 September 2001 on:
- (a) The preliminary report of the CGE;
 - (b) The current progress of the process aiming at the improvement of guidelines for subsequent national communications of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non Annex I Parties), in accordance with decision 8/CP.5.
25. The SBI also requested the secretariat to compile these submissions as a miscellaneous document and to prepare a consolidated report on Parties views on the issues indicated in paragraph 3 above, for consideration by the SBI at its fifteenth session.

(to be completed)

C. Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories in Annex I Parties (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)

(Agenda item 3 c)

1. Proceedings

26. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively.
27. The Chairman informed the SBI that the COP, at its fifth session (COP 5), by its decision 6/CP.5 had adopted guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) for a trial period covering inventory submissions due in 2000 and 2001. In this decision the secretariat had been requested to conduct annual initial checks and to make an annual synthesis and assessment of GHG inventories for all Annex I Parties beginning in 2000, in accordance with the provisions of the review guidelines. The decision also requested the secretariat to conduct, during this trial period, reviews in individual Parties using different approaches, namely desk, centralized and in-country reviews.
28. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman mentioned that COP 5, by its decision 3/CP.5, had adopted guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories (FCCC/CP/1999/6/Add.1), which were to be used by Annex I Parties for the reporting of inventories due by 15 April each year, beginning in the year 2000. He also mentioned that a trial period of two years had been established to assess these guidelines.
29. At the same meeting an oral report was made by a representative of the secretariat on the ongoing and planned activities for implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5.
30. At the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

2. Conclusions

31. The SBI took note of the oral report on the ongoing and planned activities for implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 4)

A. Financial performance 2000-2001

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

32. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meeting on 24 and 27, respectively. The secretariat presented documents FCCC/SBI/2001/INF. 2 and FCCC/SBI/INF.3/Rev.1 on the revision of indicative contributions and the latest status of contributions.

33. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by representatives of 11 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and another speaking on behalf of the African Group.

34. Three Parties informed the SBI that their latest contributions had not been reflected in document FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.3/Rev.1. The delegations concerned were encouraged to approach the secretariat with written evidence of transfer of funds in order to enable further investigations to be made with the United Nations Treasury.

35. A few Parties sought clarification regarding the impact the revised United Nations scale of contributions would have on the indicative contributions to the Convention, particularly with respect to determining ceilings. In its reply, the secretariat drew the attention of the SBI to the financial procedures of the Convention which stipulate that contributions should be "based on the scale of assessment of the United Nations as may be adopted from time to time by the General Assembly" (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1, decision 15/CP.1, annex, para. 7 (a)).

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

36. At its 2nd meeting, after considering the documents prepared by the secretariat on the revised indicative contributions and the latest status of contributions, the SBI took note of the information contained therein and expressed its appreciation to the Parties which paid their contributions to the core budget in time, and particularly to those Parties that made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities. It also urged Parties that had not yet made their contributions to do so as soon as possible.

(to be completed)

B. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

37. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively, the SBI considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. The Executive Secretary presented the proposed programme budget as contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2001/4 and Add.1.

38. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 July 2001, the Chairman informed the SBI of the outcome of informal consultations conducted by him on the proposed programme budget. On the recommendation of its Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

39. Having considered the report of its Chairman on the results of his informal consultations, the SBI agreed to recommend a total programme budget, including contingencies, of \$ 32,837,100 to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.

40. In addition, it also agreed to propose a contingency budget for conference servicing amounting to \$5,661,900, to be added to the programme budget for 2002-2003 in the event that the General Assembly of the United Nations decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget for the same biennium.

41. It also authorized the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their 2002 contributions based on the recommended budget, after drawing up to \$ 5,000,000 from the available resources carried over from the current and previous financial periods, and taking into account the special annual contribution from the host Government of the equivalent of DM 1.5 million.

42. The SBI also requested the Executive Secretary to propose a revised programme budget including a revised staffing table, on this basis, taking into account, *inter alia*, the budgetary implications of the decisions for consideration by the SBI at its fifteenth session.

43. The SBI commended the efforts of the Executive Secretary and his senior managers to ensure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity in the staffing of the UNFCCC secretariat, while paying due regard to the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with Article 101.3 of the United Nations Charter, as well as of promoting gender balance.

44. The SBI noted that, as indicated in the proposal by the Executive Secretary in document FCCC/SBI/2001/4, the incoming Executive Secretary would enjoy managerial flexibility in implementing the programme budget.

(to be completed)

C. Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

45. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. The Executive Secretary made a statement explaining that a solution to the need for adequate office space for the Convention secretariat in the medium term was still under discussion with the authorities of the host Government. The current interim solution, involving the provision of adequate overflow premises had proved workable. However, the secretariat looked forward to being reunited in premises that would respond to its needs. He stated that the offer of space by the host Government to the secretariats of the UNFCCC and UNCCD had been judged inadequate.

46. Adding to the statement of the Executive Secretary, the Coordinator, Information, Outreach and Administrative Services (IOAS), reported that the secretariat had noticed a marked improvement since the last report was made to the SBI, in the issuance of visas for dependent children studying abroad, work permits for spouses and dependent children, travel in and out of Germany, and visas for visiting family members. In addition, improvements had also been noted in respect of the issuance of visas for new staff members, consultants and experts working with the secretariat and participants to workshops, meetings and conferences. He explained that future negotiations would continue on a number of related issues which were part of the continuing process of implementing the Headquarters Agreement.

47. The representative of Germany informed the SBI that his Government was holding continuous consultations with the various United Nations organizations in Bonn and was working hard with counterpart ministries to finalize the plan for a United Nations Campus. He welcomed the remarks by the secretariat on the interim office space provided and the improvements noted on other issues. Referring to the issuance of visas, the representative of Germany stated that no delegate had reported problems in obtaining a visa to attend the current Conference of the Parties; if there were any problems, his delegation should be contacted.

48. One Party proposed the creation of a representative group of Parties to monitor the fulfilment of the Headquarters Agreement and to consider with the host Government matters relating to it, in order to support the negotiations of the secretariat.

49. One Party opposed the creation of a representative group of Parties to monitor the fulfilment of the Headquarters Agreement.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

50. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively the SBI took note of the statements made by the Executive Secretary, the Coordinator, IOAS, the host Government and the representatives of two Parties. The SBI thanked the host Government for its efforts concerning the provision of acceptable office accommodation for the Convention secretariat and

invited the host Government and the secretariat to continue their negotiations to resolve this important issue by the earliest possible date. The SBI asked the host Government and the secretariat to provide a progress report on this and matters relating to the Headquarters Agreement at its next session.

(to be completed)

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

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

51. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. The Executive Secretary made a statement introducing this item. He recalled decision 22/CP.5, which requested that the subject of the institutional linkage of the UNFCCC secretariat to the United Nations be reviewed not later than 31 December 2001.

52. The Executive Secretary introduced document FCCC/SBI/2001/5, in which the state of this linkage is described as being a satisfactory one. He drew attention to the consultations which had taken place with relevant officials of the United Nations and to the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the institutional linkage be extended for a further five years.

53. At the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

54. At its 1st meeting, on 24 July 2001, the SBI took note of the oral statement made by the Executive Secretary and the related document FCCC/SBI/2001/5.

55. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend a draft decision on the institutional linkage of the UNFCCC secretariat to the United Nations for adoption by the COP at its resumed sixth session. for the text of the draft decision, see FCCC/SBI/L.8.

(to be completed)

E. Juridical personality of the Convention secretariat on the international plane

(Agenda item 4 (e))

1. Proceedings

56. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively

57. At the 1st meeting, a statement was also made by the representative of one Party.

(to be completed)

2. Conclusions

58. At its 2nd meeting, the SBI took note of the fact that the Convention secretariat was vested with juridical personality in Germany where the headquarters of the secretariat is located and further noted that the absence of juridical personality on the international plane had not inhibited the secretariat in the effective performance of its functions. The SBI decided to hold the issue in abeyance and revisit the matter at a future date if the status of the secretariat should necessitate that it be vested with juridical personality on the international plane.

(to be completed)

V. ANY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

59. The SBI considered this item at its 2nd meeting, on 27 of July. The Chairman reported that no matters had been referred by the COP to the SBI, hence agenda item 5 was not opened.

(to be completed)

VI. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 6)

60. The SBI considered the item on the report on the session at its 2nd meeting, on 27 July. At that meeting, the SBI considered the draft report on its fourteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2001/L.1).

61. 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 of the session, under the guidance of the Chairman.

(to be completed)

VII. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 7)

62. The SBI took note of the proposed workshop on adaptation, to be held under the auspices of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), as well as the request of the Chairman of AOSIS

for assistance from donors, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the secretariat, to enable the Alliance to conduct the workshop in the last quarter of 2001 and report on its outcomes to a future session of the SBI

(to be completed)

VIII. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

(to be completed)

Annex

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBI/2000/17	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the second part of its thirteenth session, The Hague, 13-18 November 2000
FCCC/SBI/2001/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2001/2	Report of the second meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
FCCC/SBI/2001/3	Report of the third meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
FCCC/SBI/2001/4	Administrative and financial matters. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2001/5	Administrative and financial matters. Institutional linkage of the UNFCCC secretariat to the United Nations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBI/2001/6	Further work concerning least developed countries. Institutional development needs
FCCC/SBI/2001/7	Further work concerning least developed countries. Workshop to develop draft guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action
FCCC/SBI/2001/8	Preliminary report of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention on recommendations to the SBI for the improvement of national communications from non-Annex I Parties
FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.1	Report of the interregional Workshop of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.2	Administrative and financial matters. Revised indicative contribution 2001
FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.3	Administrative and financial matters. Status of contributions as at 30 June 2001
FCCC/SBI/2001/L.1	Report on the session. Draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its fourteenth session.
FCCC/SBI/2001/CRP.1	Administrative and financial matters. Institutional linkage.
FCCC/CP/2001/L.8	Administrative and financial matters. Institutional linkage
FCCC/SBI/2001/CRP.2	Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Other documents for the session

FCCC/SBI/2000/10	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the work of its thirteenth session (Part One) Lyon, 11-15 September 2000
FCCC/CP/2000/5 and Add.1-3 (vols.I-V)	Report of the Conference of the Parties on the first part of its sixth session, held at The Hague from 13 to 25 November 2000
FCCC/WEB/2001/1	Synthesis and assessment report of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories submitted in 2000
FCCC/SBI/2000/11/Corr.2	Report on national greenhouse gas inventory data from Annex I Parties for 1990 to 1998. Corrigendum

(to be completed)
