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List of documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and
Technological Advice at its fourteenth session

¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under symbol FCCC/SBSTA/2001/2.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The fourteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany from 24 to 27 July 2001.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway) opened the session on 24 July and welcomed all Parties and observers to the session.
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 by the secretariat since the thirteenth session of the SBSTA, leaving the substantive items, not included in the COP agenda, for consideration by the SBSTA at its fifteenth session.
4. The Chairman noted that, initially, provision had been made for the SBSTA to take up any items referred to it by the Conference of the Parties at the second part of its sixth session. As no issue had been referred by the COP to the SBSTA, agenda item 7 would not be taken up.
5. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBSTA to work to be done under the agenda of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on issues relating to the ongoing review of greenhouse gas inventories from Annex I Parties, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action, and matters relating to the budget. He mentioned that aspects of this work may be referred to the SBSTA for consideration in the future. He also encouraged delegates to the SBSTA to discuss the budget of the secretariat with their colleagues because the SBSTA often generates work for the secretariat on issues such as greenhouse gas inventories, technology transfer, methodologies and guidelines.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

6. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. At the same meeting, the SBSTA adopted the agenda for the fourteenth session as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

7. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. At the same meeting, Parties were provided with an update on the status of documentation and the suggested schedule.

C. Election of officers other than the Chairman

(Agenda item 2 (c))

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed delegates that he had held consultations with representatives of the five United Nations regional groups concerning the vacant positions of the SBSTA, namely the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur.

9. He indicated that his consultations were not completed and that he would need to consult further on this matter.

III. REPORTS ON INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(Agenda item 3)

A. Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation

(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

10. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2.

2. Conclusions

11. The SBSTA took note of the progress report by the secretariat contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1, which includes information provided by the secretariats of the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

12. The SBSTA decided to further consider this matter at its fifteenth session.

B. Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

13. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4.

2. Conclusions

14. The SBSTA took note of the report of the workshop on methodologies on climate change impact and adaptation held at Sainte Adèle, Canada, in June 2001 (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4). It drew the attention of both subsidiary bodies to the conclusions of the workshop for consideration, as appropriate, in their future work related to adaptation;

15. The SBSTA invited Parties to consider the information provided and to be prepared, at its fifteenth session, to give further consideration to planning its work on the methodologies to assess climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation. To facilitate consideration, the SBSTA invited Parties and organizations to submit their views on the issues identified in

document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4 by 1 October 2001 for compilation into a Miscellaneous document.

16. The SBSTA expressed appreciation for the support of the government of Canada and the cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme – Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) in organizing the UNFCCC workshop.

C. Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products

(Agenda item 3 (c))

1. Proceedings

17. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1.

2. Conclusions

18. The SBSTA took note of submissions by Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1.

19. The SBSTA expressed appreciation for the initiative of the government of New Zealand in organizing a workshop related to this issue.

20. The SBSTA decided to further consider this matter at its fifteenth session.

D. Progress related to a technology information system

(Agenda item 3 (d))

1. Proceedings

21. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

2. Conclusions

22. The SBSTA took note of the progress made by the secretariat in developing a technology information system and invited Parties interested in testing the system, to contact the secretariat² for a password that would allow them to access the system.

23. The SBSTA decided to further consider this matter at its fifteenth session.

² at secretariat@unfccc.int

E. Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness

(Agenda item 3 (e))

1. Proceedings

24. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July, respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL BY BRAZIL

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1.

26. At its 2nd meeting, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. David Warrilow (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Luis Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil) to hold informal consultations. At the 3rd meeting, reports were given by the Co-Chairmen on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

27. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2 and Add.1.

28. At its 2nd meeting, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. José Romero (Switzerland) and Mr. Richard Muyungi (United Republic of Tanzania) to hold informal consultations. At the 3rd meeting, reports were given by the Co-Chairmen on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VI. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

29. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3 and FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3 and Add.1.

30. At its 1st meeting, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. Ian Carruthers (Australia) and Ms Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia) to hold informal consultations. At the 3rd meeting, reports were given by the Co-Chairpersons on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. ANY MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

31. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. At the same meeting, the SBSTA decided that this item would not be opened as no item had been referred by the COP to the SBSTA.

VIII. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 8)

32. At its 3rd meeting on 27 July, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its fourteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/L.1). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chairman.

[to be completed]
