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I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fifteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Palais des Congrès, Marrakesh, Morocco, from 29 October to 6 November 2001.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), opened the session on 29 October and welcomed all Parties and observers to the session. He noted that the significant progress made at the second part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties left the SBSTA with a substantial agenda for its fifteenth session, including items referred to it by the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 29 October. It had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/3). Statements were made by the representatives of four Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.
4. At the same meeting, 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;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chairman.
 3. Matters referred to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;
 - (b) Any other matters.
 4. Methodological issues:
 - (a) Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5);

- (b) Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation;
 - (c) Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation;
 - (d) Development of good practice guidance and other information for the land use, land-use change and forestry sector;
 - (e) Issues relating to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products.
5. Development and transfer of technologies.
 6. “Good practices” in policies and measures.
 7. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
 8. Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness.
 9. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
 10. Other matters.
 11. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 29 October, and agreed on a proposed schedule of meetings.

C. Election of officers other than the Chairman

(Agenda item 2 (c))

6. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and [5th] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively.

7. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman informed the SBSTA that, according to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the SBSTA was expected to elect its Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. At the same meeting, the Chairman stated 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. He indicated that his consultations were not completed and that he would need to consult further on this matter. Pending the election of the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, the current incumbents of those positions would continue in office.

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 3)

A. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and [5th] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat on the Third Assessment Report of the IPCC (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.6).

9. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman invited Dr. Robert Watson, Chairman of the IPCC, to introduce the Third Assessment Report. Statements were made by the representatives of 19 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Halldor Thorgeirsson (Iceland) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

10. [At the 5th meeting, on 6 November, Mr. Thorgeirsson reported to the SBSTA on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

11. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

B. Any other matters

(Agenda item 3 (b))

12. There were no other matters referred to the SBSTA for consideration at its fifteenth session.

IV. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

A. Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

13. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing a report on the use of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/5 and Add.1).

14. At the 2nd meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

2. Conclusions

15. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

B. Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively.

17. At the 2nd meeting, the Chairman invited the IPCC to brief the SBSTA on the status of its work in relation to good practice guidance and uncertainty management in national greenhouse gas inventories and the methodological aspects relating to emissions based upon fuel sold to ships and aircraft engaged in international transport. Statements were made by the representatives of six Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. José Romero (Switzerland) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

18. [At the 5th meeting, Mr. Romero reported to the SBSTA on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

19. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

C. Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

20. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing submissions from Parties on methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.6 and Add.1).

21. At the 2nd meeting, statements were made by representatives of seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Pierre Giroux (Canada) and Ms Martha Yvette Munguía de Aguilar (El Salvador) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

22. [At the 5th meeting, on 6 November, Ms Munguía de Aguilar and Mr. Giroux reported to the SBSTA on the results of their informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

23. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

D. Development of good practice guidance and other information for the land use, land-use change and forestry sector

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

24. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively.

25. At the 2nd meeting The Chairman invited Mr. Taka Hiraishi, Co-chair of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, to brief the SBSTA on its planned activities relating to good practice guidance for the land use, land-use change and forestry sector and any other related activities. Statements were made by the representatives of 10 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway) and Ms Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe (Zimbabwe) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

26. [At the 5th meeting, on 6 November, Ms Mukahanana-Sangarwe and Mr. Rosland reported to the SBSTA on the results of their informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

27. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

E. Issues relating to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products

(Agenda item 4 (e))

1. Proceedings

28. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 30 October, and at its [5th] meeting on [6] November. Statements were made by representatives of [10] Parties,

including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

29. At the 3rd meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway) and Ms Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe (Zimbabwe) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

30. [At the 5th meeting, on 6 November, Ms Mukahanana-Sangarwe and Mr. Rosland reported to the SBSTA on the results of their informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

31. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

V. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

32. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing a progress report on the development of a technology information system (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/4) and a technical paper containing a proposal for activities to implement a technology transfer clearing house and an international information network (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/TP.2).

33. At the 2nd meeting, the Chairman invited Parties to register and test the secretariat's web-based technology information system, which is still in the pilot phase. Statements were made by the representatives of 11 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Jukka Uosukainen (Finland) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

34. [At the 5th meeting, on 6 November, Mr. Uosukainen reported to the SBSTA on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

35. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

VI. “GOOD PRACTICES” IN POLICIES AND MEASURES

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

36. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the Chairman of SBSTA on the workshop on “good practices” in policies and measures, held in Copenhagen from 8 – 10 October 2001 (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.5) and a note by the secretariat containing submissions from Parties on experience with using the good practice guidance in preparing the 2001 inventories by Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.5).

37. At the 3rd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of eight Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

38. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

VII. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

39. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd and [5th] meetings, on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing submissions from Parties on views on the IPCC technical paper on the interlinkages between climate change, biodiversity and desertification (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.7), a note by the secretariat containing submissions from Parties on cooperation with relevant international organizations (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.8, Add.1 and Add.2) and a note by the secretariat containing a Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) secretariat progress report on developments in the global observing system and activities related to decision 5/CP.5 (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.9).

Cooperation with scientific organizations:

40. At the 3rd meeting, the Chairman invited Dr. Alan Thomas, Director of GCOS, to elaborate further on the GCOS report (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.9). He also invited Dr. Robert Watson, Chairman of the IPCC, to make a statement regarding the millenium assessment. Statements were made by representatives of seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Ms Sue Barrell (Australia) and Mr. S.N. Sok Appadu (Mauritius) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on cooperation with scientific organizations.

41. [At the 5th meeting, Ms Barrell and Mr. Sok Appadu reported to the SBSTA on the results of their informal consultations.]

Cooperation with other conventions and United Nations bodies:

42. At the 3rd meeting, the Chairman invited the IPCC to inform delegates about the status of its technical paper on interlinkages between the UNFCCC, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). He also invited the CBD, the UNCCD and the Ramsar Wetlands Convention to make statements. The Chairman further invited the World Health Organization (WHO) to inform the SBSTA about WHO activities relating to human health and climate change and in particular the WHO guidelines to assess climate change impacts on human health. Statements were made by the representatives of nine Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Ian Carruthers (Australia) and Ms Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on cooperation with other conventions.

43. [At the 5th meeting, Ms Nieto Carrasco and Mr. Carruthers reported to the SBSTA on the results of their informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

44. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

VIII. ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION: EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

45. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd, 4th and [5th] meetings, on 30 and 31 October and on [6] November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing proposals and options on how to integrate Article 6 into the work programme of the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/6 and Add.1). Statements were made by the representatives of [11] Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and by the representative of one intergovernmental organization.

46. At the 4th meeting, the Chairman invited Ms Teresa Fogelberg (the Netherlands) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

47. [At the 5th meeting, Ms Gladys Kenabetsho Ramothwa (Botswana), who assisted Ms Fogelberg in concluding the informal consultations, reported to the SBSTA on their results.]

2. Conclusions

48. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

IX. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY UNDER THE PILOT PHASE

(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

49. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and [5th] meetings, on 31 October and 6 November, respectively. It had before it a note by the secretariat containing the fifth synthesis report on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/7). A statement was made by the representative of one Party.

2. Conclusions

50. [At its 5th meeting, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

X. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 10)

Topic 1: Proposal on cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy

1. Proceedings

51. The SBSTA considered this matter at its 4th and [5th] meetings, on 31 October and [6] November, respectively.

52. At the 4th meeting, the Chairman invited the Government of Canada to report to the SBSTA on the outcome of an informal meeting it had convened on cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy. A representative of the Government of Canada reported on the informal meeting held in Calgary, Canada from 2 – 5 October 2001. The meeting had identified several methodological questions relating to trade in cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy, including the relationship of such trade to various aspects of the Kyoto Protocol. Statements were made by the representatives of nine Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Mohammad S. Barkindo (Nigeria) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this matter.

53. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, Mr. Barkindo reported to the SBSTA on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

54. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

Topic 2: Special circumstances of the Republic of Croatia under Article 4.6 of the Convention

1. Proceedings

55. At its 4th and [5th] meetings, on 31 October and [6] November, respectively, the SBSTA considered the request from the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review the methodology used by the Government of Croatia to estimate its base year emissions. This is described in a note by the secretariat containing a letter from the Republic of Croatia to the Executive Secretary concerning Croatia's special circumstances under Article 4.6 of the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2001/MISC.3).

56. At the 4th meeting, the Chairman invited the Government of the Republic of Croatia to make a statement on this matter.

2. Conclusions

57. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

Topic 3: Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons

1. Proceedings

58. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and [5th] meetings, on 31 October and [6] November, respectively. Statements were made by the representatives of four Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

59. [At its 5th meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

XI. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 11)

60. [At its 5th meeting on 6 November, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its fifteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/L.6). 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.]
