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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. At its sixteenth session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings, contained in document FCCC/SBI/2002/4.

(a) **Eighth session of the Conference of the Parties**

2. The SBI expressed its thanks to the Government of India for its generous offer to host the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8). The SBI noted with appreciation the preparations being made by the Government of India and the secretariat to convene COP 8 in New Delhi, India, from 23 October to 1 November 2002.

3. The SBI endorsed the dates of 30 October to 1 November 2002 for the high-level segment to be attended by ministers and other senior officials. The SBI recommended that ministerial round-table discussions, open to all heads of delegations, be the vehicle for ministers to exchange views at COP 8. The SBI invited the Bureau of COP 7, in collaboration with the secretariat and the Government of India, to give further consideration to the details and format, including themes for the round-table discussions, of the high-level segment of COP 8.

4. The SBI invited the Executive Secretary to take note of views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agenda for COP 8.

5. The SBI took note of the information provided by the secretariat on contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and urged Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Trust Fund so that funding will be available to each eligible Party to attend COP 8.

**(b) Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

6. The SBI took note that, as at 10 June 2002, 74 Parties to the Convention had deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Kyoto Protocol, including 21 Parties included in Annex I accounting for 35.8 per cent of the total 1990 carbon dioxide emissions of the Parties included in Annex I.

7. The SBI also took note of views expressed by Parties on the procedural issues concerning the arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the first meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1), including the need to ensure that the sequencing of meetings of the COP and COP/MOP promotes efficiency and avoids duplication of work. The SBI agreed to consider this issue further at its seventeenth session.

**(c) Programme for future sessions**

8. The SBI took note of document FCCC/SBI/2002/CRP.1 on the programme for future sessions, containing information on proposed workshops and meetings of constituted bodies for 2002 and 2003. The SBI noted that workshops played an important and useful role in the UNFCCC process, but expressed concern about the number of workshops and the associated financial implications.

9. The SBI encouraged the secretariat, in scheduling workshops, to explore the possibility of convening some in association with the sessional period, while recognizing the constraints that would impose on small delegations. The SBI invited its Chair and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to keep the workshop calendar under review and advise the secretariat on the overall schedule.

**(d) Budget for conference services**

10. The SBI took note of the developments concerning the conference services budget at the fifty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The SBI also noted views expressed by Parties on the issue of how UNFCCC conference services should be financed.

**(e) Venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties**

11. The SBI noted that the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) would be convened during the sessional period from 1 to 12 December 2003. The SBI also noted that the secretariat had not received any offers from Parties to host COP 9. It urged Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 9, so that an appropriate decision could be taken at COP 8.

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