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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CONVENTION PROCESS

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2002/13 on effective participation in the Convention process, and of views expressed by Parties on the need for ensuring transparency and efficiency, and enhancing participation in that process.
2. The SBI noted that consideration of observer participation in the work of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism had been taken up by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session, in its discussion of the report of the Executive Board.
3. The SBI recognized the responsibility of the chairs of the subsidiary bodies in selecting the chairs of workshops and in inviting participants and observers. It requested the chairs of the subsidiary bodies, workshop chairs and the secretariat to make additional efforts to promote transparency and observer participation, while safeguarding the effectiveness of workshops.
4. The SBI also requested the secretariat to tailor the number of observer participants to the nature of each workshop.
5. The SBI requested the secretariat to improve the timeliness of notification and documentation in connection with intersessional workshops, recognizing the constraints in securing funding and the consequent delays in confirming the convening of workshops. In this connection, the SBI also requested the secretariat to publish on its web site the notification and documentation for each workshop or meeting of expert bodies, as soon as the workshop or meeting is confirmed and the documentation available.
6. The SBI decided to consider this issue further at its eighteenth session.
