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

¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under symbol FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The sixteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany, from 5 to 13 June 2002.
2. The Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Halldor Thorgeirsson (Iceland) opened the session and welcomed all Parties and observers. He noted that this would be the first SBSTA session in some time which could focus all its attention on the implementation of the Convention and the Marrakesh Accords. He pointed out that the provisional agenda of the session included progress reports on numerous intersessional and pre-sessional activities undertaken since the fifteenth session of the SBSTA.
3. He welcomed the new SBSTA bureau, composed of Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, and Ms. Tatyana Ososkova (Uzbekistan), Rapporteur, and expressed regret they were not able to attend the session. He announced that, in the absence of the Rapporteur, he would present the report to the SBSTA at its concluding meeting. He also mentioned that he would consult with the delegations concerned to avoid such a situation in future.
4. The Chair outlined his vision for the work of the SBSTA and the Convention process. In particular, he indicated that the Convention process should satisfy several requirements. It should be sensitive to the legitimate concerns of Parties to make the process fair. It should make an effort to include all participants in the proceedings. It should be focused and effective. Finally, he underlined that the process needs to be responsive and relevant to new scientific information. He then welcomed Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter (Netherlands), the new Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, and invited her to address the SBSTA.
5. In her statement, the Executive Secretary mentioned that 5 June was not only the opening day of the SBSTA, but also World Environment Day. She informed participants that a total of 74 Parties had now ratified the Kyoto Protocol, representing 35.8 per cent of emissions to be covered. She expressed her commitment to work in an open and accessible manner and to provide Parties with the best possible secretarial support.

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, 2nd and 6th meetings, on 5 and 11 June. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/1/Add.1.
7. At the 1st meeting, the Chair drew the attention of the SBSTA to item 10 (c) of the supplementary provisional agenda, "Implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol", which had been added at the request of a Party, in accordance with the draft rules of procedure, as applied. The Chair also noted that provision had been made for the SBSTA to take up any items referred to it by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its sixteenth session.
8. At its 2nd meeting, the SBSTA adopted the supplementary provisional agenda for the sixteenth session as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/1/Add.1, with the exception of sub-items 10 (b) and (c), which were held in abeyance, pending further consultations.

9. At its 6th 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.
 3. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
 4. Methodological issues:
 - (a) Guidelines 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) Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase: uniform reporting format;
 - (d) Development of good practice guidance and other information for land use, land-use change and forestry;
 - (e) Land use, land use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol.
 5. Development and transfer of technologies.
 6. Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons.
 7. "Good practices" in policies and measures.
 8. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
 9. Article 6 of the Convention: education, training and public awareness.
 10. Other matters:
 - (a) Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention;
 - (b) Issues related to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy;
 - (c) Issues related to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (d) Matters referred to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

11. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

10. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 5 June. Parties were informed of the status of documentation, the applications for provisional accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies received from one intergovernmental organization and eleven non-governmental organizations, and the suggested schedule.

11. The Chair noted the increasing number of workshops and meetings and mentioned that this situation would be kept under review throughout the session by himself, the Chair of the SBI and the Bureau. He further noted that the organization of workshops was becoming difficult due to the burden it placed on Parties and the financial implications. Parties would have the opportunity to comment on this issue, under item 11 (c) of the supplementary provisional agenda of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), "Programme for future sessions". He concluded by mentioning that he had asked the secretariat to introduce a few items using visual aids on a trial basis and, if deemed useful, this approach would be pursued in the future.

**III. THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

12. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1st, 2nd and xx meetings, on 5 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.4 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.5.

13. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair referred discussion on this item to a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Rawleston Moore (Barbados) and Mr. David Warrilow (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 4)

A. Guidelines 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

14. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 5 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/2 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/5 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.11 and Add.1-2.

15. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA referred discussion of this item to a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Newton Paciornik (Brazil) and Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 5 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.3, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.5, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.8 and FCCC/TP/2002/2.

Issues relating to guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8

17. At the 2nd meeting, Mr. Audun Rosland (Norway) reported on the workshop to elaborate draft technical guidance on adjustments under Article 5.2 of the Kyoto Protocol which he had co-chaired with Mr. Newton Paciornik (Brazil) at the request of the Chair of the SBSTA.

18. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Helen Plume (New Zealand) and Mr. Festus Luboyera (South Africa). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

Issues related to registries under Article 7.4

19. At the 2nd meeting, Mr. Murray Ward (New Zealand), who had been requested by the Chair of the SBSTA to chair the intersessional consultations on registries, reported on the consultations held on 2-3 June 2002. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this item during this session by way of informal consultations to be convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Ward. At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Ward on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase: uniform reporting format

(Agenda item 4 (c))

1. Proceedings

20. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 5 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.9 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.2.

21. At the 2nd meeting, Ms. Sushma Gera (Canada) reported on the workshop held on 2-3 June 2002 which she had co-chaired with Mr. Mamadou Honadia (Burkina Faso) at the request of the Chair of the SBSTA. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Gera and Mr. Honadia. At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 4 (d))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and 13 June, respectively. No new document was produced for this item. At its 3rd meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

2. Conclusions

23. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the statement made by the representative of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in relation to its programme on land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), and welcomed the progress made by the IPCC in the development of good practice guidance for LULUCF. The SBSTA highlighted the importance of timely completion of this work by COP 9, in accordance with decision 11/CP.7.

24. The SBSTA also noted with appreciation the statement made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in relation to the process of harmonizing forest-related definitions, and acknowledged the importance of this initiative for the UNFCCC. The SBSTA welcomed the involvement of the IPCC in this process. It encouraged the IPCC to continue to work with FAO, and invited the IPCC to take into account the output from this process when developing definitions for forest degradation and devegetation of other vegetation types.

E. Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 4 (e))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 5 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/4, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.1 and Add.1-2.

26. At the 3rd meeting, the secretariat reported on the workshop held on 7-9 April 2002 which had been chaired by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Thelma Krug (Brazil) and Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

V. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

27. The SBSTA considered this item at its 3rd, 6th and xx meetings, on 6, 11 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.6, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.7, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.12 and a conference room paper (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/CRP.1) containing the work programme of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT).

28. At the 3rd meeting, Mr. Jukka Uosukainen (Finland), Chair of the EGTT, reported on the results of the preparatory meeting of the EGTT held on 23 April 2002 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and the interim results of the first meeting of the EGTT held on 3 June 2002 on the preparation of its programme of work. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Mr. Terry Carrington (United Kingdom) and Mr. Philip Gwage (Uganda).

29. At the 6th meeting, Mr. Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, Vice-Chair of the EGTT, introduced the proposed work programme of the EGTT.

30. At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on the informal consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VI. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE LAYER AND EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THE GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEM: ISSUES RELATING TO HYDROFLUOROCARBONS AND PERFLUOROCARBONS

(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

31. The SBSTA considered this item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 6 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.6.

32. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Richard Bradley (United States of America). At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Bradley on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. "GOOD PRACTICES" IN POLICIES AND MEASURES

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

33. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th and xx meetings, on 6 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.7.

34. At the 4th meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA referred discussion of this item to a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Pierre Giroux (Canada) and Mr. Suk-Hoon Woo (Republic of Korea). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VIII. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

35. The SBSTA considered this item at its 4th, 5th and xx meetings, on 6, 7 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/3, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.9 and Add.1, and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.10.

Cooperation with scientific organizations

36. At its 4th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Ms. Sue Barrell (Australia) and Mr. David Lesolle (Botswana). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

Cooperation with other conventions

37. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations co-chaired by Ms. Clare Breidenich (United States of America) and Ms. Yvette Munguia de Aguilar (El Salvador). At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

Cooperation with other United Nations bodies

38. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

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

(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

39. The SBSTA considered this item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 7 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.10 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.13.

40. At the 5th meeting, Mr. Kok Kee Chow (Malaysia) reported on the workshop held on 2-3 June which he had co-chaired with Mr. Jean-Pascal Van Ypersele (Belgium) at the request of the Chair of the SBSTA. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Sok Appadu (Mauritius) and Mr. Van Ypersele. At the xx meeting, reports were given by the co-chairs on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 10)

A. Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention

(Agenda item 10 (a))

1. Proceedings

41. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5th and xx meetings, on 7 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.4 and FCCC/IDR.1/HVR and Add.1.

42. At its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBSTA with the assistance of Mr. Jim Penman (United Kingdom). At the xx meeting, a report was given by Mr. Penman on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Issues related to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy

(Agenda item 10 (b))

1. Proceedings

43. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 6th and xx meetings, on 11 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.8 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.3 and Add.1-2.

44. At its 6th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration by way of informal consultations to be convened by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the xx meeting, a report was given on these consultations.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Issues related to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 10 (c))

1. Proceedings

45. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 6th and xx meetings, on 11 and 13 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/1 and Add.1.

46. At its 6th meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

D. Matters referred to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

(Agenda item 10 (d))

47. No matters were referred to the SBSTA under this item.

XI. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 11)

48. At its xx meeting on 13 June, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its sixteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.1). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chair.

[to be completed]
