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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Note by the Executive Secretary**

**Addendum**

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*The annotations to the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties were completed after consultations with the President of COP 7 and the Bureau. The annotations in this document refer to item 11 of the provisional agenda.*

**High-level segment attended by ministers and senior officials**

1. **Background:** The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixteenth session, endorsed the dates of 30 October to 1 November 2002 for the high-level segment of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8). The SBI also recommended that ministerial round-table discussions, open to all heads of delegation, 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.

2. At its meetings held on 30 September and 1 October 2002 in New Delhi, India, the Bureau considered the details and format of the ministerial round-table discussions to be held during the high-level segment of COP 8. It was agreed that three round tables will be convened on the general theme of implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, focusing on:

- (a) Taking stock;
- (b) Climate change and sustainable development;
- (c) Wrap up.

The round-table discussions will begin in the afternoon of Wednesday, 30 October 2002, and conclude in the afternoon of 31 October. They will be held sequentially and be open to participation by all ministers and heads of delegation. Invited ministers will introduce the discussions.

3. The Bureau noted that a Delhi Declaration will be prepared as an important outcome of the Conference to show political momentum at this crucial time. In addition, the Bureau took note of the willingness of the President-designate of COP 8, His Excellency, Mr. T. R. Baalu, Minister of Environment and Forests (India), to prepare this political declaration in consultation with Parties.

4. In preparing for the round-table discussions, Parties may wish to refer to the relevant documents, such as those listed in the box below.

FCCC/SBI/2002/3	Consideration of the reviews of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
FCCC/SBI/2002/8	Executive summary of information contained in initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
FCCC/SBI/2002/14	Financial mechanism. Review of the financial mechanism
FCCC/SB/2002/INF.2	Report on national greenhouse gas inventory data from Annex I Parties for 1990 to 2000
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.13	"Good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Policies and measures of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention reported in their third national communications
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.15	Research and systematic observation. First compilation and synthesis of national reports on global climate observing systems