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## ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION

### Submission from a non-governmental organization

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), at its sixteenth session, reaffirmed the need for a work programme that would promote cooperation and facilitate the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention. The SBSTA took note of a draft decision on this subject (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.11/Add.1/Rev.1) and agreed to consider this draft further at its seventeenth session for possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session. Parties were invited to submit, by 20 August 2002, their views on the draft decision to the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 55 (l)).
2. The secretariat has received nine submissions from Parties (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.21).
3. The secretariat has also received a submission from Climate Action Network. In accordance with standard procedures, this submission is attached\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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**Submission to UNFCCC Secretariat on draft Decision FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.11/Add.1/Rev.1 by the Climate Action Network (CAN)**

**INTRODUCTION**

CAN has always been of the opinion that Article 6 of the Convention that addresses Education, Training & Public Awareness is crucial and most CAN members themselves have been quite active in this area, but the matter has not been adequately addressed by the Parties. It is also true that CAN members in developing countries have faced many obstacles in promoting such activity, not the least of which have been public apathy, media disinterest and an almost total absence of financial resources from within their own national boundaries.

**COMMENTS ON DECISION.**

Naturally we are supportive of the full endorsement of draft Decision FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.11/Add.1/Rev.1 by COP8, especially in view of the fact that climate change concerns are likely to be sidelined at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The 5-year work programme is good but it must be supported by the commitment of all relevant parties and not be ignored in the unending bickering over rules and avoidance of providing funds.

We have no quarrel with the 6 guiding elements of the work programme but ask for a dynamic, rather than a restrictive approach in observing them. It is important that the 6 objectives are always kept in mind, with an emphasis that national governments in all countries actually support and collaborate with NGOs, not exploit their interest & expertise. Partnerships require mutual respect and some meaningful compensation for the time & effort of NGO personnel.

We strongly urge that public participation in drafting and implementation of National Climate Strategies be recognised and facilitated, on a priority basis.

We agree that there is a need to enhance cooperation between NGOs from Annex I & non-Annex I nations and will be exploring how this can be best done during the CAN meetings in New Delhi.

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