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SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Seventh session

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Agenda item 3 (a)

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED  
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Vice-Chairman**

1. The SBI took note of the first compilation and synthesis report on the second national communications from Annex I Parties submitted to the secretariat before 15 August 1997 (FCCC/SBI/1997/19 and Add.1). The SBI noted with satisfaction that the information contained in second national communications so far received was, in general, of better quality than in the first ones.
2. The SBI took note of the report of the secretariat on the progress made in the review of the first national communications from Annex I Parties and in the submission of second national communications. The SBI urged those Annex I Parties whose second national communications were overdue to submit them as soon as possible.
3. The SBI took note of document FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.4 on the progress achieved by Annex I Parties in returning, individually or jointly, their GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2000. It noted that additional efforts would be needed by many of those Parties to achieve such returns.
4. The SBI requested the secretariat to evaluate the feasibility of compiling and maintaining available supplementary data from authoritative sources on GHG emissions for the purpose of comparison with the national submissions and to present a report on this comparison to its ninth session. It also requested the secretariat to make available each Party's annual emission inventories on the secretariat's Web site.

5. The SBI expressed its intention to perform an interim assessment of the in-depth reviews of second national communications for its ninth session and requested the secretariat to provide relevant information, including recommendations and suggestions to improve the process.
6. The SBI noted with regret that insufficient responses from Annex I Parties did not allow presentation of the schedule of in-depth reviews of second national communications at its current session. It urged Annex I Parties to provide the secretariat with information on the proposed dates of in-depth reviews, with a view to finalizing the schedule before the third session of the Conference of the Parties.
7. The SBI endorsed further initiatives of the secretariat to increase participation of experts from non-Annex I Parties in the review process, in particular those experts who were likely to be involved in the preparation of a national communication.
8. Having received an input from the SBSTA, the SBI decided to recommend, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session, a draft decision on national communications from Annex I Parties (for the text of the draft decision, see the annex below).

**Annex****Draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session****Decision --/CP.3****Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its decision 2/CP.1 on review of first communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, decision 3/CP.1 on preparation and submission of national communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, decision 4 /CP.1 on methodological issues and decision 9/CP.2 on the guidelines, schedule and process for consideration of communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

*Having considered* the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and those of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

1. *Calls upon* the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), when submitting annually national greenhouse gas inventories, to follow the relevant parts of the revised UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, as well as the relevant conclusions of the fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

2. *Requests* the Convention secretariat:

(a) To prepare a full compilation and synthesis of second national communications from Annex I Parties for consideration at its fourth session;

(b) To collect, process and publish, on a regular basis, national greenhouse gas inventories submitted annually by Annex I Parties in accordance with decision 9/CP.2. In those years when a report of the compilation and synthesis of national communications is prepared inventory data should be part of that report. Publication of inventory data may be accompanied by relevant documentation prepared by the secretariat, for example, on evaluating compliance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines or addressing methodological or other issues related to reporting greenhouse gas emissions. It may also include or refer to relevant data from authoritative sources;

3. *Decides that:*

(a) In-depth reviews of second national communications from Annex I Parties should, as a general rule, include visits of review teams co-ordinated by the secretariat, based on the schedule of these reviews and on a visit programme agreed between the host countries and the secretariat. Parties concerned are urged to submit their comments on the draft in-depth review reports produced by the review teams, if possible not later than eight weeks following receipt of the drafts;

(b) Executive summaries of national communications will be published in their original language as official UNFCCC documents, and also translated into the other official languages of the United Nations if they are less than 15 pages long in standard format. Full texts of the in-depth review reports will be published as official UNFCCC documents and translated into the other official languages of the United Nations.

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