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on its fifteenth session**

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¹ This annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under the symbol FCCC/SBI/2001/18.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fifteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Palais des Congrès, Marrakesh, Morocco, from 29 October to 6 November 2001.
2. The Chairman of the SBI, Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), opened the session on 29 October 2001 and welcomed all Parties and observers to the session. He noted that, to date, a total of 186 Parties had ratified or acceded to the Convention and that 42 Parties had ratified or acceded to the Kyoto Protocol.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 29 October, the SBI considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2001/10).
4. At the same meeting, the SBI 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;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chairman.
 3. Matters referred to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Input to the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
 - (b) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties;
 - (c) Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention:
 - (i) Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention by removing the name of Turkey: review of information and possible decisions under Article 4, paragraph 2 (f);
 - (ii) Amendment proposed by Kazakhstan to add its name to the list in Annex I;
 - (d) Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
 - (i) Date and venue of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (ii) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2005-2007;
 - (e) Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;
 - (f) Any other matters.

4. Matters relating to the least developed countries.
5. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories in Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5);
 - (b) Feasibility of developing guidelines for the review of national communications;
 - (c) Third national communications: review and the roster of experts.
6. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Third compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) Report of the Consultative Group of Experts to the subsidiary bodies;
 - (c) Provision of financial and technical support.
7. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Interim financial performance for 2000-2001;
 - (b) Possible options to respond to late payment of contributions;
 - (c) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
8. Other matters.
9. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

5. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 29 October, at which the Chairman informed the SBI of the schedule of meetings.
6. At the same meeting, the SBI referred item 5 (a), “National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories in Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)”, to the SBSTA for its consideration at the present session. The SBI also referred a request from a Party (FCCC/SBI/2001/Misc.3) to the SBSTA for its consideration.

C. Election of officers other than the Chairman

(Agenda item 2 (c))

7. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2001/10.

8. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman recalled rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, whereby the SBI is expected to elect its own Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. Such an election was last held at the end of 1998 leading to the election of the current incumbents. He thanked the current incumbents who had been serving since February 1999 and requested them to continue in office until their successors were elected. He also informed the SBI that consultations were still going on and that he would keep delegates informed of any progress made. A statement was made by the representative of one Party.

[to be completed]

**III. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION
BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

(Agenda item 3)

A. Input to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(Agenda item 3 (a))

9. At its 1st meeting, on 29 October, the Chairman informed the SBI that, further to a decision taken by the Bureau at its meeting in Marrakesh on 10 September, it had been proposed that this sub-item should be dealt with by the COP under its item 4 and it had been so decided by the COP at its 1st plenary meeting on 29 October. No action by the SBI was therefore envisaged under this sub-item.

B. Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

10. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st, 2nd and [3rd] meetings on 29, 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it the report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the Conference of the Parties (FCCC/CP/2001/8).

11. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of two Parties, one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and another speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The Chairman requested the GEF secretariat to make an oral presentation on the GEF report at its 2nd meeting.

12. At the 2nd meeting, the representative of the GEF secretariat made an oral presentation. A statement was made by the representative of one Party, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusions

13. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal made by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the conclusions contained in FCCC/2001/L.7.]

[to be completed]

C. Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention

(Agenda item 3 (c))

- (i) Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention by removing the name of Turkey: review of information and possible decisions under Article 4, paragraph 2 (f)

1. Proceedings

14. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/CP/2001/11.

15. At the 1st meeting, a statement was made by one Party speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The representative of an observer State also made a statement. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Klaus Radunsky (Austria) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

16. [At the 3rd meeting, Mr. Radunsky reported to the SBI on the results of his informal consultations.]

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

17. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend the draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.8 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

[to be completed]

- (ii) Amendment proposed by Kazakhstan to add its name to the list in Annex I

1. Proceedings

18. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively.

19. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by four Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Klaus Radunsky (Austria) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

20. [At the 3rd meeting, Mr. Radunsky reported to the SBI on the results of his informal consultations.]

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

21. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend the conclusions contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.9 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

D. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings

(Agenda item 3 (d))

(i) Date and venue of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties

1. Proceedings

22. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively.

23. At its 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting the Chairman invited Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

24. [At its 3rd meeting, Mr. Sach reported to the SBI on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

25. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

(ii) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2005-2007

1. Proceedings

26. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively.

27. At its 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of three Parties. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

28. [At its 3rd meeting, Mr. Sach reported to the SBI on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

29. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

E. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Agenda item 3 (e))

1. Proceedings

30. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it the Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2003: Work programme of the secretariat and resource requirements (FCCC/SBI/2001/17 and Add.1) and the proposed programme budget for the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2001/17/Add.2), which were presented by the Executive Secretary at the 2nd meeting.

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The Chairman undertook to hold informal consultations on the revised proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

32. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend the draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.3 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

F. Any other matters

(Agenda item 3 (f))

33. There were no other matters referred to the SBI for consideration at its fifteenth session.

IV. MATTERS RELATING TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

34. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [3rd] meetings on 30 October and [6] November, respectively.

35. At the 2nd meeting, statements were made by seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the group of least developed countries and one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) made a statement. At the same meeting, the SBI agreed to address this item by way of a contact group chaired by Mr. Sibusiso Gamede (South Africa).

36. [At the 3rd meeting, Mr. Gamede reported to the SBI on the results of the contact group.]

2. Conclusions

37. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

**V. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 5)

**A. Ongoing activities on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories
in Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions**

3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)

(Agenda item 5 (a))

38. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 October, the Chairman recalled that the SBI had decided, under its agenda item 2 (b), to refer this sub-item to the SBSTA for its consideration at the present session.

B. Feasibility of developing guidelines for the review of national communications

(Agenda item 5 (b))

1. Proceedings

39. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [3rd] meetings on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it the report of the workshop on the preparation of national communications (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.4). At the 2nd meeting, the representative of the secretariat introduced the above-mentioned document and made an oral report.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

40. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the report of a workshop on exchanging information among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) on preparations for third national communications and on ways of ensuring expertise in the review process (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.4);

(b) The SBI also took note of the oral report by the secretariat on the feasibility of developing guidelines for the review of national communications from Annex I Parties;

(c) The SBI concluded that it would return to the question of developing guidelines for the review of national communications from Annex I Parties at a future session, taking into account the results of the in-depth review of national communications due by 30 November 2001 and the needs of the review process.]

C. Third national communications: review and the roster of experts

(Agenda item 5 (c))

1. Proceedings

41. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 2nd and [3rd] meetings on 30 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it the greenhouse gas inventory data 1990-1999 (FCCC/SBI/2001/13), the roster of experts for the review of third national communications (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.6) and the status report on in-depth reviews (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.7).

42. At the 2nd meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

2. Conclusions

43. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of document FCCC/SBI/2001/13 containing national greenhouse gas inventory data from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) for 1990-1999;

(b) The SBI noted with satisfaction an increase in the number of Annex I Parties reporting in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines and in time. It urged those Annex I Parties which had not yet provided their national greenhouse gas inventories, or which had provided them but not in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines, to make every effort to do so as soon as possible;

(c) The SBI took note of document FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.7 and agreed to give further consideration to this document and to the matter of finding optimum ways of conducting the review process and of considering its outcomes at its sixteenth session.

44. At the same meeting, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend the draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.5 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

**VI. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 6)

A. Third compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 6 (a))

1. Proceedings

45. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it the third compilation and synthesis of the first national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2001/14).

46. At the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of four Parties.

2. Conclusions

47. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend the draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.4 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

B. Report of the Consultative Group of Experts to the subsidiary bodies

(Agenda item 6 (b))

1. Proceedings

48. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2001/15, FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.11, FCCC/SBI/2001/MISC.2 and FCCC/SBI/2001/MISC.2/Add.1.

49. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman recalled that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) had presented to the fourteenth session of the SBI its preliminary report (FCCC/SBI/2001/8) containing recommendations for financial and technical support and improvement of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines, as well as improvement of the IPCC and other methodologies. The Chairman also recalled that the SBI at its fourteenth session had invited Parties to submit views by 15 September 2001 on (i) the preliminary report of the CGE, and (ii) the current progress of the process aimed at improving the guidelines for national communications from non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 8/CP.5. The Chairman noted that the secretariat had compiled, as requested by the SBI, these submissions as a miscellaneous document (FCCC/SBI/2001/MISC.2) and had prepared a consolidated report (FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.11) on the views of Parties on these issues. The Chairman of the CGE, Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas), introduced the report of the CGE (FCCC/SBI/2001/15). Statements were made by eight Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. At the same meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this sub-item by way of a contact group chaired by Ms Emily Ojoo-Massawa (Kenya).

50. [At the 3rd meeting, Ms Emily Ojoo-Massawa reported to the SBI on the results of the contact group.]

2. Conclusions

51. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the conclusions contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/CRP.4.]

C. Provision of financial and technical support

(Agenda item 6 (c))

1. Proceedings

52. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.8 and FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.9.

53. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman noted that a table on the “Status of the preparation of national communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention” had been prepared by the secretariat and posted on the UNFCCC web site (FCCC/WEB/2001/2). He also recalled that by its decision 12/CP.4 the Conference of the Parties had requested the secretariat to compile and make available to the Parties a list of projects submitted by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12.4 of the Convention. This list of projects which was updated on a regular basis had been posted on the UNFCCC web site (FCCC/WEB/2001/1). These two documents would be made available in hard copy on request. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party.

[to be completed]

1. Conclusions

54. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the conclusions contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/CRP.3.]

[to be completed]

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 7)

A. Interim financial performance 2000 - 2001

(Agenda item 7 (a))

1. Proceedings

55. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2001/16, FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.5 and FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.10.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

56. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI decided to recommend a draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBI/2001/L.6 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.]

B. Possible options to respond to late payment of contributions

(Agenda item 7 (b))

1. Proceedings

57. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively. The secretariat referred to FCCC/SBI/2000/10, annex II as a possible basis for discussion.

58. At its 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of one Party, speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. At the same meeting, the Chairman invited Mr. Philip Weech (Bahamas) to assist him in conducting informal consultations on this sub-item.

59. [At the 3rd meeting, Mr. Weech reported to the SBI on the results of his informal consultations.]

2. Conclusions

60. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:]

[to be completed]

C. Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement

(Agenda item 7 (c))

1. Proceedings

61. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and [3rd] meetings, on 29 October and [6] November, respectively.

62. At the 1st meeting, the representative of Germany gave an oral report on the progress made by his Government in providing office space to the UNFCCC secretariat and other United Nations entities in Bonn, developing conference facilities and improving conditions for staff members and their families. The Executive Secretary, in response, looked forward to continuing improvements on all these fronts in the context of the Headquarters Agreement.

2. Conclusions

63. At its 1st meeting, on 29 October, the SBI took note of the statements made by the host Government and the Executive Secretary.

64. [At its 3rd meeting on 6 November, the SBI invited the host government and the Executive Secretary to report on progress at its next session.]

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 8)

1. Proceedings

65. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 October, statements were made under this item by the representatives of three Parties.

66. One delegation, speaking on behalf of the group of least developed countries, informed the SBI of difficulties which delegations belonging to that group had encountered with travel arrangements made for them by the secretariat.

2. Conclusions

67. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 October, the SBI noted that the secretariat had taken note of the difficulties mentioned and had undertaken to address them in consultation with the delegations concerned in the context of the specific circumstances.

IX. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 9)

1. Proceedings

68. [At its 3rd meeting, on 6 November, the SBI considered the draft report on its fifteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2001/L.2).] At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chairman.]
