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Agenda item 9 (a)

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2002/12 on arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and of the views expressed by Parties.
2. The SBI decided to discuss this matter further at its eighteenth session, on the basis of the draft text in the annex below.

Annex

[1. *Recommends* to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that:

- (a) When the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP/MOP) is convened by the secretariat in conjunction with the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) that is scheduled after the date of the entry into force of the Protocol, there should also be joint meetings of the COP and the COP/MOP. In this regard, the secretariat is requested to make arrangements for the sessions accordingly;
  - (b) The COP and the COP/MOP would have separate agendas, with common issues that are suitable for joint meetings included on both agendas. Each agenda should clearly identify which items are to be the subject of joint meetings of the COP and COP/MOP;
  - (c) Joint meetings of the COP and COP/MOP would discuss issues of common concern [and make recommendations on them], but each of the COP and COP/MOP would separately:
    - (i) [To the extent necessary,] consider agenda items involving common issues, and
    - (ii) Take decisions;
- Insofar as possible, the COP and the COP/MOP should adopt their decisions on matters of common concern in consecutive meetings.
- (d) The draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied and the financial procedures of the COP shall be applied *mutatis mutandis* by the COP/MOP, unless otherwise decided by consensus by the COP/MOP;
  - (e) When applying draft rules 22–26 of the draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied, it should be understood that the term of office of any replacement officer elected by and from amongst Parties to the Protocol shall expire at the same time as that of the officer being replaced;
  - (f) [*Recalling* Article 13, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, Parties to the Convention that are not Parties to the Protocol may participate as observers in proceedings of any session of the COP/MOP;]
  - (g) Paragraphs (a) to (f) above would apply *mutatis mutandis* to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
  - (h) When applying draft rules 17–21 of the draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied, it should be understood that:

- (i) Credentials from Parties to the Protocol would apply for the participation of their representatives in the sessions of the COP and the COP/MOP. This would encompass the provision of full powers to participate, vote and serve as officers of the COP and the COP/MOP, as well as of the subsidiary bodies and any sessional bodies established;
  - (ii) A single report on credentials would be submitted by the Bureau of the COP to the COP and to the COP/MOP for approval following established procedures;
- (i) When applying draft rules 6 and 7 of the draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied, it should be understood that:
- (i) A single process would be used for the admission of observer organizations to sessions of the COP and the sessions of the COP/MOP, with decisions on admission of observer organizations being taken by the COP, unless otherwise decided;
  - (ii) Organizations admitted as observers to previous sessions of the COP are admitted to the COP/MOP.

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure of the COP being applied, to prepare the provisional agendas of the COP and of the COP/MOP.

3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its eighteenth session, to consider other organizational issues surrounding the first session of the COP/MOP, in particular the appropriate allocation of agenda items and the modalities for convening the sessions, including joint meetings of the COP and COP/MOP and their subsidiary bodies, and the organization of the high-level segment.]

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