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on its eighteenth session**

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¹ The annex will be included in the final version of the report, to be issued under symbol FCCC/SBI/2003/8.

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eighteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, from 4 to 13 June 2003.
2. The Chair of the SBI, Ms. Daniela Stoycheva (Bulgaria), opened the session on 4 June and welcomed all Parties and observers to the session. She also welcomed the other members of the SBI Bureau: Mr. Fadhel Akbar Lari (Kuwait) as Vice-Chair and Ms. Emily Ojoo-Massawa (Kenya) as Rapporteur.
3. The Chair invited the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, to address the SBI. In her opening statement, the Executive Secretary acknowledged that the process has entered the era of implementation and highlighted how this influences the agenda of the SBI and the work of the secretariat. She mentioned the uncertainty of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1) being held in 2003. She also called upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation so that the climate change process can continue to benefit from widespread participation from all regions.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

4. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 and 5 June, respectively. It had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBI/2003/1).
5. At its 2nd 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;
 3. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Compilation and synthesis of third national communications;
 - (b) Status report on the review of third national communications.
 4. Financial matters relating to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Financial mechanism: the Special Climate Change Fund;
 - (b) Provision of financial and technical support.
 5. Capacity-building.
 6. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
 - (a) Progress on the implementation of activities under decision 5/CP.7;
 - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.

7. Article 6 of the Convention.
8. Request from a group of countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Albania and the Republic of Moldova regarding their status under the Convention.
9. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
 - (a) Ninth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Future sessional periods;
 - (d) Effective participation in the Convention process.
10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Interim financial performance for the biennium 2002–2003;
 - (b) Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;
 - (c) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
11. Other matters:
 - (a) The use of guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention: report of the workshop;
 - (b) Proposal by Croatia on land use, land-use change and forestry;
 - (c) Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention;
 - (d) Any other matters.
12. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2 (b))

6. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 4 June, at which the Chair drew attention to the tentative programme of work posted on the UNFCCC web site. The secretariat informed the SBI that application for provisional accreditation to the sessions of subsidiary bodies had been received from 17 non-governmental organizations.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 June, the Coordinator of the Central Group 11 (CG 11) informed the SBI that, owing to changed circumstances and political reality, countries included in the group had decided to terminate activities in its present composition. He announced that the CG 11 no longer existed formally. The CG 11 expressed its sincere thanks to other groups, countries and the secretariat for the excellent cooperation since COP 6, when it was created, and assured the SBI of its continued willingness to cooperate in other formal groupings.

8. At the same meeting, Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania announced that they would continue to cooperate and present common positions on climate change issues within a group named the Central Group (CG).

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

(Agenda item 3)

A. Compilation and synthesis of third national communications

(Agenda item 3 (a))

B. Status report on the review of third national communications

(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

9. The SBI considered this item as a whole at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/7 and Add.1–4, and FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.4.

10. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 4)

A. Financial mechanism: the Special Climate Change Fund

(Agenda item 4 (a))

1. Proceedings

11. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 2nd and xx meetings, on 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.3, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.12 and Add.1, and FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.1 and Add.1.

12. At its 2nd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this sub-item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Rawleston Moore (Barbados) and Mr. Jaap Rooimans (Netherlands). At the xx meeting, xx reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Provision of financial and technical support

(Agenda item 4 (b))

1. Proceedings

13. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.5, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.11 and

FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.8. At the 3rd meeting, the Chair invited the representative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to make a statement.

14. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

V. CAPACITY-BUILDING

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

15. The SBI considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.8, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.9, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.10, FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.2 and FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.5.

16. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this item in a contact group chaired by Ms. Dechen Tsering (Bhutan). At the xx meeting, Ms. Tsering reported on the contact group's consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

**VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 9,
OF THE CONVENTION**

(Agenda item 6)

A. Progress on the implementation of activities under decision 5/CP.7

(Agenda item 6 (a))

1. Proceedings

17. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.3.

18. At the 1st meeting, the Chair updated the SBI on the status of preparation for the workshops on possible synergies and joint action with the other multilateral environmental conventions and agreements, and on economic diversification. The Chair also presented an oral report on the outcome of the workshops on insurance under paragraphs 34 and 35 of decision 5/CP.7.

19. At its 1st meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this sub-item in a contact group co-chaired by Mr. Fadhel Akbar Lari (Kuwait), Vice-Chair of the SBI, and Mr. Robert Mason (United Kingdom). At the xx meeting, xx reported on the contact group's consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Matters relating to the least developed countries

(Agenda item 6 (b))

1. Proceedings

20. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st, 2nd and xx meetings, on 4, 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/6, FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.6 and FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.4 and Add.1.

21. At the 1st meeting, the Chair invited Mr. La'avasa Malua (Samoa), Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), to report on membership of the LEG and progress in the implementation of the LEG programme of work.

22. At the same meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on the progress of work of the LEG, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

23. At its 2nd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider further guidance on the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBI with the assistance of Mr. Mamadou Honadia (Burkina Faso) and Mr. José Romero (Switzerland). At the xx meeting, xx reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VII. ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 7)

1. Proceedings

24. The SBI considered this item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/4 and FCCC/SBI/2003/7/Add.4. Web-only text FCCC/WEB/2003/2 was also relevant.

25. At the 3rd meeting, the Chair invited the representative of the Government of Belgium to give an oral report on the outcome of the European regional workshop on Article 6 of the Convention. The Chair also invited reports on their proposed programmatic response to the Article 6 work programme from the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), who also spoke on behalf of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), as well as from the representative of the Earth Council.

26. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

VIII. REQUEST FROM A GROUP OF COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS, ALBANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA REGARDING THEIR STATUS UNDER THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 8)

Proceedings

27. The SBI considered this item at its 3rd meeting on 6 June. No new documents were prepared for this item. The Chair announced that she would continue her consultations and report on their outcome at the next session of the SBI.

IX. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

(Agenda item 9)

A. Ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

(Agenda item 9 (a))

B. Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 9 (b))

C. Future sessional periods

(Agenda item 9 (c))

D. Effective participation in the Convention process

(Agenda item 9 (d))

1. Proceedings

28. The SBI considered this item as a whole at its 2nd and xx meetings on 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/2 relating to sub-items 3 (a) and (c), and document FCCC/SBI/2003/3 relating to sub-item 3 (b). No new documents were prepared for sub-item 3 (d).

29. At its 2nd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this item as a whole in a contact group chaired by Mr. Karsten Sach (Germany). At the xx meeting, Mr. Sach reported on the contact group's consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 10)

A. Interim financial performance for the biennium 2002–2003

(Agenda item 10 (a))

1. Proceedings

30. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and xx meetings, on 4 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.7.

31. At its 1st meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.
[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

(Agenda item 10 (b))

1. Proceedings

32. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st, 2nd and xx meetings, on 4, 5 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/5 and Add.1.

33. At its 1st meeting, the SBI agreed to consider this sub-item in consultations convened by the Chair of the SBI with the assistance of Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda). At the xx meeting, Mr. Ashe reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement

(Agenda item 10 (c))

Proceedings

34. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 4 June. No new documents were prepared for this sub-item. 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. He informed the meeting of the recent decision made by the Government of Germany to establish a United Nations campus in the former parliament in order to provide space for all United Nations organizations in Bonn at one site. The Executive Secretary welcomed the decision of the Government of Germany on the United Nations campus. She indicated that the move of the secretariat to the campus should not entail costs for the secretariat.

[to be completed]

XI. OTHER MATTERS

(Agenda item 11)

A. The use of guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention: report of the workshop

(Agenda item 11 (a))

1. Proceedings

35. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.2.

36. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed that the Chair would prepare draft conclusions on this issue, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with interested Parties.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

B. Proposal by Croatia on land use, land-use change and forestry

(Agenda item 11 (b))

1. Proceedings

37. The SBI considered sub-item 11 (b) together with sub-item 11 (c), at its 3rd and xx meetings, on 6 and xx June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.6 and FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.7.

38. At its 3rd meeting, the SBI agreed to consider these sub-items together in informal consultations convened by the Chair of the SBI with the assistance of Mr. Jim Penman (United Kingdom). At the xx meeting, Mr. Penman reported on these consultations.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

C. Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention

(Agenda item 11 (c))

1. Proceedings

39. See paragraphs [37] and [38] above.

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

D. Any other matters

(Agenda item 11(d))

40. No other matters were raised or considered.

XII. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 12)

41. At its xx meeting, on xx June, the SBI considered the draft report on its eighteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2003/L.1). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the SBI authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report of the session, under the guidance of the Chair.

[to be completed]
