

## 2. Conclusions

24. At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 8 June, the SBI, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, as well as views expressed by delegations, adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the documents prepared by the secretariat on the progress made in the process of review of the first and second national communications from Annex I Parties, noting the completion of the review of first national communications. The SBI also noted the schedule of in-depth reviews of the second national communications and encouraged those Parties which had not yet done so, to finalize with the secretariat dates of in-depth review visits;

(b) The SBI noted with appreciation the initiative of some Annex II Parties aimed at enlarging the participation of experts from non-Annex I Parties in in-depth reviews, and invited other Parties to take similar action;

(c) The SBI urged Annex I Parties that had not already done so, to submit their annual national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, which were due on 15 April 1998, as soon as possible. The SBI further requested Parties to submit their national GHG inventories in accordance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reporting format and in electronic format so as to facilitate the processing and dissemination by the secretariat of this information. The SBI noted that the secretariat would provide a report to the SBI at its ninth session, in English only, based on national greenhouse gas inventories submitted by 30 September 1998;

(d) The SBI noted that the secretariat would complete the compilation and synthesis of second national communications on the basis of national communications received by 30 June 1998 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session. The SBI expressed concern at the late submission of national communications by some Annex I Parties, and urged those Parties which had not yet submitted communications to do so as soon as possible;

(e) The SBI initiated the discussion on the scheduling of submission of third and subsequent national communications by Annex I Parties and agreed with the thrust of the proposals in document FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.1. The SBI further invited Parties to submit by 1 September 1998 their views on subsequent national communications with the aim of compiling submissions of Parties in a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its ninth session.