

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION
(Agenda item 1)

1. The sixth session of the Ad Hoc Group on Article 13 (AG13) was held at the Hotel Maritim, Bonn, from 5 to 11 June 1998.
2. The Chairman of the AG13, Mr. Patrick Széll, opened the session on 5 June 1998. In welcoming the participants, he recalled that the Group had had difficulty making progress in its early meetings because of uncertainties as to the outcome of the Berlin Mandate negotiations and as to what the basic character of the multilateral consultative process should be. He noted that the Kyoto Protocol had been adopted in December 1997 and the AG13 had, at its fourth session, concluded that the multilateral consultative process should be advisory rather than supervisory in nature. Hence, the basis now existed for completion of the Group's work at the present session. In this regard, he referred to decision 14/CP.3 of the Conference of the Parties (FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1), which invited the Group to complete its work before the fourth session of the Conference. In view of the good progress the AG13 had made on designing the multilateral consultative process at its fifth session, in July 1997, he was optimistic that, despite the sizeable number of important and difficult issues yet to be resolved, the Group should be able to finalize its work on schedule.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 June, the AG13 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. Functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process.
 4. Report on the session.