

(c) The SBI and the SBSTA took note of documents FCCC/SB/1998/2; FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Rev.1, Add.3 and Add.3/Rev.1 and Add.5 and 6; and FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.2 and Add.1;

(d) The SBI and the SBSTA further took note of the Suggested Elements for a Work Programme on Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol (see annex II to the report of the SBSTA on its eighth session, in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/6); and

(e) The SBI and the SBSTA invited Parties to submit views on the mechanisms referred to in decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (b), (c) and (e).⁵

IX. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS (Agenda item 9)

A. Arrangements for the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (Agenda item 9 (a))

1. Proceedings

50. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 7th, 8th and 11th meetings on 5, 8 and 11 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1998/3.

51. Statements were made by representatives of 18 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

52. At the 7th meeting, on 5 June, the Executive Secretary reported that the secretariat was working closely with the Government of Argentina in preparing for the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session. While the host country agreement had not yet been signed, it was hoped to be concluded shortly. A representative of the host Government noted that the Government was working hard to ensure the success of the event, and that it was looking forward to welcoming all participants to Buenos Aires.

53. At the 7th and 8th meetings, views were put forward regarding the list of possible elements for a provisional agenda for COP 4, as annexed to document FCCC/SBI/1998/3. Some Parties proposed alternative texts for provisional agenda item 4 "Implementation of the Convention", sub-item 4 (c) "Development and transfer of technologies", and for sub-item 4 (h)

⁵ Submissions received by 10 September 1998 will be compiled into a miscellaneous document before COP 4. Submissions received after this date will be issued in an addendum but will not be available until after the start of COP 4.