

initial list of inputs from the Inter governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and an agreement to consider the AGBM requests on a priority basis. The establishment of the Intergovernmental Technical Advisory Panels on questions of methodology (TAP-M), and technology (TAP-T) under the SBSTA was very contentious, with no agreement reached on the size, composition, and terms of reference of the two panels. The SBSTA chairman has requested submissions from the Parties by October 30. He will hold informal consultations on the margins of the October AGBM session, and will take up the issue again formally at the second session of the SBSTA in February/March 1996.

2. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), which is charged with looking at the policy aspects related to the implementation of the Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC), got off to a quick start, completing its two day agenda in less than one day. The programme of work proposed by the Chairman was adopted as well as the Draft MOU between the Conference of Parties (COP) and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

3. Under the Canadian chair, several meetings of the Common Interest Group (CIG) were held with the participation of E. European countries to include all Annex 1 Parties. Canada also worked actively in the smaller JUSCANZ and Annex 1 contact groups, thus influencing the debate and the conclusions of the SBSTA and SBI on numerous issues.

4. SBSTA Report (paragraphs 4 to 21): The first meeting of the SBSTA took place in Geneva from 28 August to 1 September, 1995. The meeting was originally scheduled for 28-30 August, however, given the full agenda and the difficulties the chair experienced in keeping discussions on track along with many unresolved items including the approval of conclusions, the size, composition, and the terms of reference of the Technical Advisory Panels, and the list of key inputs to be included in the request to IPCC, the SBSTA session was extended to 1 September. The first session of the SBI took place on 31 August and completed its agenda in less than a day, leaving more time for the SBSTA. Canadian delegation to SBSTA was co-chaired by Dr. McBean/EnvCan/AES and Peter Fawcett/DFAIT/AGE, and included Gera/DFAIT, Ruddock/GENEV, Varangu/NrCan, Grimes/EnvCan/AES, Drexhage/EnvCan/GAIB, Pierre Guimond/Cdn. Elec. Assn., and Louise Comeau/Sierra Club. Canadian delegation to the SBI was co-chaired by Russell/EnvCan/APPD/GAIB and Fawcett/DFAIT/AGE, and included Gera/DFAIT, Ruddock/GENEV, Varangu/NrCan, Drexhage/EnvCan/GAIB, and Louise Comeau/Sierra Club.

5. Most of the SBSTA discussion focused on the work program addressing issues such as: the scientific assessment, the questions that can be considered by the IPCC in its work program, questions on methodology, analytical work to meet the AGBM request, and the technical advisory panels. The establishment of the Technical Advisory Panels on methodology (TAP-M) and technology (TAP-T) under the SBSTA was a key area of debate at this session and main reason for its extension.

6. Scientific assessments: The discussion focused on the need for