

2. Conclusions

19. At its 13th meeting, which was held jointly with the SBSTA, having considered a joint proposal by the Chairmen on the basis of inputs from the joint informal contact group, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI and the SBSTA decided to defer consideration of these items until their ninth sessions;

(b) The SBI and the SBSTA invited the Chairmen, if they considered it would be useful, to formulate points which might provide a basis for deliberations at their ninth sessions.

F. Attendance

20. The eighth session of the SBI was attended by representatives of 126 Parties and by observers from 6 States not parties to the Convention. It was also attended by representatives of 7 United Nations secretariat units and bodies, 5 specialized agencies and related organizations, 3 intergovernmental organizations and 115 non-governmental organizations.⁴

G. Documentation

21. The documents before the SBI at its eighth session are listed in annex I below.

III. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Agenda item 3)

A. Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st and 9th meetings, on 2 and 8 June, respectively. It had before it two documents presented by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.1 and FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.2).

23. Statements were made by representatives of 10 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

⁴ For the full list of participants, see document FCCC/1998/INF.1.