

I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, from 28 July to 5 August 1997.
2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Tibor Faragó, opened the session on 28 July 1997. He welcomed all delegates and observers from non-parties, United Nations bodies and organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and wished the participants a successful session.
3. The Executive Secretary welcomed the participants, in particular the new Parties to the Convention, provided information on the preparation for the sessions, and reviewed the planning for the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3). He urged that each subsidiary body at this and the next sessions should, to the extent possible, aim at producing draft decisions recommended by it for adoption by the COP without further discussion. He urged the SBSTA and Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) to minimize requests for new documentation for their October sessions.
4. The Executive Secretary expressed concern at the pace of submission of national communications, noting that only six Annex I Parties had met the deadline, and that so far, only half of the communications due, had been received. Two communications had been received so far from non-Annex I Parties. He recalled that communications were the basic commitment of all Parties and that their lack would inhibit the ability of the Parties to assess the need for future action to advance implementation and to strengthen the Convention.

Int. wk. **II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**
(Agenda item 2)

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

5. At its 1st meeting, on 28 July 1997, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/1997/5.
6. Statements were made by representatives of three Parties,
7. At its 1st meeting, on 28 July, the SBSTA adopted the following agenda, in which the former agenda item 9 (Methodological issues related to joint implementation) was shifted to become a sub-item under agenda item 4.
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