

**CONTINUING TO ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4.1  
(agenda item 5)**

23. The Chairman of the Group of 77 and China referred to the position paper on recommendations on guidelines and format for preparation of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties (document FCCC/SB/1996/MISC.1/Add.1), and thanked the experts who participated in the workshop on communications from non-Annex I Parties. There was general support for the organization and usefulness of such workshops.
24. The Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, speaking on behalf of the Group and China, emphasized that the focus of the Berlin Mandate was to strengthen the commitments of the Parties included in Annex I contained in Article 4.2(a) and (b), in accordance with Article 4.2(d). Many Parties stressed that by formally presenting the Group of 77 and China position paper on initial communications from non-Annex I Parties the implementation of their existing commitments in Article 4.1 had been sufficiently advanced, and that the relationship between the commitments of non-Annex I Parties and the provision of financial resources and transfer of technology, in accordance with Article 4.3, 4.5 and 4.7, must be taken into full account.
25. Several Annex I Parties welcomed the steps taken towards the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, which they considered as an essential basis for advancing the implementation of existing commitments under Article 4.1. Some of these Parties indicated that all Parties should make further efforts to advance the implementation of Article 4.1 and, in particular, to develop strategies for the mitigation of climate change as a key element of sustainable development. These Parties pointed to the mitigation and adaptation options contained in the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC, the ongoing work on technology transfer and cooperation, and the programmes for endogenous capacity building, exchange of information and training as facilitating further actions by non-Annex I Parties under Article 4.1.
26. The AGBM noted the relevant conclusions of the SBSTA and the SBI contained in documents ....
27. The AGBM noted the intention of non-Annex I Parties to convene a workshop, as a follow up to the earlier one, to address issues relating to implementation of guidelines and format of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties, and requested the secretariat to facilitate assistance in this regard, in accordance with Article 8.2.
28. The secretariat was requested to prepare a compilation of proposals relating to continuing to advance the implementation of Article 4.1, tabled to date or received by the secretariat no later than 15 April 1996, for consideration at the fourth session of the AGBM.