

13. The Chairman recalled that there was consensus that one of the Vice-Chairmen should come from the Western European and Others Group and that this group had submitted a nomination some time ago. In view of the general support for the nomination, and without prejudice to the election of the second Vice-Chairman at the earliest opportunity, he proposed that the Group elect Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder (United States of America) as one of its Vice-Chairmen. It was so decided.

14. The Chairman invited a representative group of delegates to assist him as "ad interim advisers", until consultations on the nominations for the second Vice-Chairman and the advisers were concluded.

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#### **IV. STRENGTHENING THE COMMITMENTS IN ARTICLE 4.2(A) and (B)** (Agenda item 4)

##### **A. Inputs from the subsidiary bodies** (Agenda item 4 (a))

##### **1. Proceedings**

15. At its first meeting, on 5 March 1996, the AGBM considered the inputs from the subsidiary bodies. Statements were made by the Chairmen of the SBSTA, the SBI and the IPCC.

16. In his statement, the Chairman of the SBSTA highlighted four items of relevance to the AGBM. First, with regard to the Second Assessment Report of the IPCC, he noted that the SBSTA had commended the report to all Convention bodies. In this context, he noted that some delegations had highlighted a number of the IPCC's conclusions, including that atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases and aerosols were increasing largely because of human activities, and that the balance of evidence suggested a discernible human influence on climate while others pointed to areas of uncertainty and opposed selecting particular conclusions (see FCCC/SBSTA/1996/L.1/Add.1). He mentioned that the SBSTA would continue its consideration of the Second Assessment Report, and had also concluded on a list of items on which the IPCC would provide input to the SBSTA. Secondly, based on the SBSTA's conclusions on communications from Annex I Parties, he reiterated that the latter would have to make additional efforts beyond those included in projections in order to fulfil their aim of returning greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2000 (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/L.1/Add.2). Further information would be available for the next session of the AGBM in the form of the second compilation and synthesis of information from Annex I Party communications. Thirdly, he noted that the SBSTA would resume consideration of the item on non-Annex I Party communications, at its next session,