

2. Conclusions

30. At its 10th meeting, on 11 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to send a questionnaire to Parties on clarifications, additions and/or amendments to the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (UNFCCC Guidelines) by 31 August 1998. The SBSTA also decided that the preparatory work needed to enable the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) to adopt, at its first session, guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Protocol would be integrated, to the extent practicable, with its existing work under the Convention on national communications from Annex I Parties;

(b) The SBSTA requested Parties to provide submissions to the secretariat answering the above-mentioned questionnaire by 1 February 1999 for compilation into a miscellaneous document;

(c) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop with the participation of representatives from Parties to assess the responses to the questionnaire. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to prepare a paper on the results of this workshop for consideration at its tenth session, with the aim of proposing any necessary clarifications, additions and/or amendments to the UNFCCC Guidelines, at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties.

B. Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention: methodological aspects of consideration process

(Agenda item 4 (b))

31. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4th meeting, on 3 June. Statements were made by representatives of three Parties.

32. The SBSTA noted that, as indicated in the annotations to the provisional agenda (FCCC/SBSTA/1998/1, paras. 23-25), in view of the agreed division of labour, this item would be discussed by the SBI. Since there were no methodological issues under this sub-item that needed to be addressed at the current session, there was, therefore, no need for an input from the SBSTA.

33. The SBSTA further noted, however, that it would examine any methodological issues arising from the consideration of this item by the SBI at a future session.