

officers of the SBI. He expressed the hope that the regional groups would consult among themselves prior to COP 4 so that the officers of the SBI could be elected at that time.

C. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (c))

12. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 2 June. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/3.

13. Statements were made by representatives of two Parties.

14. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBI to the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/SB/1998/3, noting that the schedule was intended to be used as a guide, and might need to be modified to reflect the pace of progress.

15. The Chairman informed the SBI that applications for accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies had recently been received from nine non-governmental organizations. These applications had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and in accordance with the procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations as observers. The SBI agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBI, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its fourth session.

D. Allocation of work - issues arising from decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6

E. Organization of the work of future sessions

(Agenda items 2 (d) and 2 (e))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBI considered these sub-items in an integrated manner at its 1st and 13th meetings, on 2 and 12 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/1.

17. A statement was made by representatives of two Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

18. At its 1st meeting, on 2 June, the SBI agreed that this issue would be considered in an informal contact group, jointly established with the SBSTA. This informal contact group was chaired by Mr. José Romero (Switzerland).