

21. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with input from the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice as appropriate, will have responsibility for assisting the Conference of the Parties in the assessment and review of the effective implementation of the Convention with respect to education, training, and public awareness.

#### IV. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Agenda item 4)

##### A. Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 4 (a))

###### 1. Proceedings

14. At its 4th meeting, on 30 July, the SBI addressed the sub-item on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. It had before it four documents presented by the secretariat (FCCC/SB/1997/5, FCCC/SB/1997/6, FCCC/IDR.1/DEU, FCCC/IDR.1(SUM)/DEU).

15. Statements were made by representatives of x Parties, including x speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and x speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

###### 2. Conclusions

16. At its 4th meeting, on 30 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the report of the secretariat on the progress made in the process of review of the first national communications from Annex I Parties. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the experiences with the review process of the first national communications, for consideration at the next session of the SBI.

(b) The SBI urged Annex I Parties which have not yet submitted their second national communication to do so as soon as possible.

(c) The SBI urged all Annex I Parties to submit their views on the schedule of in-depth reviews of the second national communications no later than 25 August and requested the secretariat to prepare the final schedule for consideration at the next session of the SBI.

(d) The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Parties and intergovernmental organizations which made available their experts for participation in in-depth reviews and