

D. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil

(Agenda item 6 (d))

1. Proceedings

49. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 7th and 11th meetings, on 5 and 11 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3.

50. Statements were made by representatives of six Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. A statement was also made by the representative of a non-governmental organization.

2. Conclusions

51. At its 11th meeting, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA recalled that the Conference of the Parties, at its third session, decided that the proposal presented by Brazil in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3 should be referred to the SBSTA for advice regarding its methodological and scientific aspects (see FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1, section III.3);

(b) The SBSTA noted that the portion of that proposal referring to a clean development fund had now been overtaken by decisions taken at COP 3, in particular, the provision for a clean development mechanism as defined in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, that Protocol's Annex B and decision 1/CP.3 on the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol;

(c) The SBSTA recognized that there were a number of methodological and scientific issues raised by the remainder of the proposal and that these were still being investigated by scientists in several countries. The SBSTA welcomed the offer by the delegation of Brazil to host a workshop to further the understanding of the methodological and scientific aspects of the remainder of the proposal and invited that delegation to report back to the SBSTA, at its ninth session, on the workshop.

E. Other matters, including matters referred to the SBSTA by the SBI

(Agenda item 6 (e))

52. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 7th and 11th meetings, on 5 and 11 June, respectively.

53. At the 7th meeting on 5 June, a statement was made by the representative of a Party. That Party noted that the consideration of aerosols and GHG precursors should be addressed by the