

C. Organization of the work of future sessions

(Agenda item 2 (c))

9. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 5 March, the Chairman reported on the results of the deliberations by the Bureau of the COP on the schedule of meetings of Convention bodies. The subsequent sessions of the AGBM will be as follows:

4th session	during COP 2, 8-19 July 1996	Geneva
5th session	9-13 December 1996	Geneva
6th session	3-7 March 1997	Bonn
7th session	3rd quarter 1997	Bonn
COP 3/8th session	4th quarter 1997	To be determined

The representative of Japan made a statement regarding the current situation of his Government's offer to host the third or a subsequent session of the COP.

[to be completed]

D. Attendance

10. The lists of attendance at the third session of the AGBM are given in annex I.

E. Documentation

11. The documents prepared for the AGBM at its third session are listed in annex II.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE CHAIRMAN

(Agenda item 3)

12. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 5 March, the Chairman reported on his consultations with regional groups in respect of nominations for the Bureau of the AGBM. He recalled that he had been authorized by the COP at its first session to undertake such consultations and indicated that the results of his consultations had, until then, been inconclusive. He stated that four of the five regional groups had agreed to the formula he had proposed at the second session. This formula comprised two Vice-Chairmen, with one serving also as Rapporteur, and the Chairmen of the SBSTA and the SBI as ex-officio members. Six "advisers" would be invited by the Chairman to participate in Bureau meetings on an equal footing with the elected and ex-officio members. The Chairman indicated that one regional group was not yet in a position to accept the proposal.