

report on both their national AIJ programs and on specific projects. There are no guidelines on what may be reported on national programs, leaving it to discretion of each Party. The requirements for reporting to the Secretariat on a project by project basis include: both participating Parties must report on a project; reports can be made at any time; reports include description of the project, government acceptance, environmental and other benefits; and, additionality to current official development assistance. The information will be synthesized in a report annually to the COP. A progress report on AIJ will be made at the next AGBM session immediately before COP2. The AIJ conclusion represents a significant step forward, particularly by developing countries, who have been reluctant to discuss specifics concerning the implementation of the pilot phase.

AGBM and COP 2 Bureau

In the absence of consensus among the Asian Group on candidates for the Bureau, Chairman Estrada (Argentina) appointed U.S. (Reifsnnyder) and Malaysia (Kee) as vice chairs, the chairs of SBSTA (Hungary) and SBI (Mauritania) and 6 advisors (Poland, Chile, Netherlands, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago and Saudi Arabia). The bureau for COP 2 is expected to be similar in size, including Zimbabwe (chair), Germany (Quennet-Thielen, vice-chair), SBSTA AND SBI chairs, Canada (Clarke), Western Samoa (AOSIS - Slade). GULAG proposed Argentina (AGBM Chair Estrada), Antigua and Barbuda (Ash) and Costa Rica (Dengo). The Asian Group could not reach consensus on candidates but stressed that as a group they represented 58 per cent of the world's population and 50 states and therefore felt that they are under-represented by the U.N. regional groupings. They indicated that they want a vice-chair of the COP 2 bureau and in addition to the chair of SBSTA, vice-chair of SBI and a position on the AG 13 bureau. It is expected that the bureau for COP 2 will be finalized at the beginning of the session on July 8th.

Ad hoc Group on Article 13

The proposed session for AG 13 in July has been postponed to the week of December 9th 1996. However, one day will be scheduled during the July 8 - 19 sessions, for organizational matters as well as a workshop.

Relocation of Secretariat to Bonn

The SBI dealt with the issue of legal capacity for the Secretariat with respect to negotiation of a headquarters agreement and other matters relating to the relocation of the Secretariat to Bonn. The SBI requesting the Executive Secretary to enter into a HQ agreement, after consultation with the Chairman and Officers. This solution was viewed as permitting the negotiation of the HQ Agreement and thereby facilitating the relocation, without settling the status of the Secretariat.