

and its subsidiary bodies for scientific and technical advice. The SBSTA invited the Executive Director of UNEP to consult the Chairman of the IPCC and the Executive Secretary in responding to any such requests;

(g) The SBSTA noted that the programme of work of the IPCC would provide the Convention process with scientific, technical and economic advice and other material on a number of matters directly relevant to the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol (including the use of economic instruments), as well as on matters that cut across these climate change instruments and other legal instruments such as the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification. Such information from the IPCC would be contained in its Third Assessment Report, and other reports, including reports requested by the SBSTA. The SBSTA considered that such reports would be useful for the foreseeable scientific and technical needs of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol in these areas;

(h) The SBSTA welcomed the readiness of UNEP to strengthen its efforts to raise awareness about climate change, the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, in response to Article 6 of the Convention. It noted that this work would be carried out in close collaboration with the secretariat and other United Nations bodies, and would draw upon IPCC outputs. It requested the Executive Secretary to keep it informed of progress achieved. The SBSTA decided to review its cooperation with UNEP at its tenth session;

(i) The SBSTA encouraged the secretariat to continue, maintain and strengthen its coordination and collaboration with relevant international organizations.

#### **IV. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(Agenda item 4)

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

(Agenda item 4 (a))

##### **1. Proceedings**

28. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings on 3 and 11 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/3.

29. Statements were made by representatives of six Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.