

organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization to make progress on their work relevant to the Convention and to provide reports to the SBSTA;

(b) The SBSTA took note of the activities of the IPCC relating to the Convention. In particular, it noted with appreciation the work initiated in the preparation of special reports on emission scenarios, methodological and technical issues in technology transfer and aviation and the global atmosphere, as well as the preparation of the Third Assessment Report. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to take into account the comments made by Parties on the structure and contents of the Third Assessment Report, as contained in documents FCCC/SBSTA/1997/MISC.4 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.1, when considering the scope of this report;

(c) The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the representative of the WMO (see paragraph 24 above), on behalf of the organizations participating in the Climate Agenda, related to the preparation of the comprehensive report on the development of the observational networks of the climate system, as requested by decision 8/CP.3. The SBSTA recognized the deteriorating situation of the observational networks of the climate system and urged Parties to give high priority to reversing this decline and to introducing improvements. It invited the organizations participating in the Climate Agenda to complete the comprehensive report and to make it available for consideration by the SBSTA at its ninth session;

(d) The SBSTA took note of the report presented by the Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (see paragraph 24 above). It expressed appreciation for the information and suggested that the IGBP should continue to make available relevant information for its use in the future;

(e) The SBSTA noted the statement made by the Executive Director of UNEP at its 2nd meeting, held jointly with the SBI on 2 June (see paragraph 6 above), on the role of UNEP as set out in the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 of the nineteenth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, including paragraphs 119 and 123 (General Assembly S-19/2). The SBSTA observed that this role is to be carried out in a manner consistent with the provisions of the respective conventions and the decisions of their conferences of the parties and in full cooperation with the conferences of the parties;

(f) The SBSTA further noted the statements made by the Executive Director of UNEP and the Executive Secretary at that same joint meeting (see paragraphs 6 and 7 above) with regard to possible inputs by UNEP to the work of the Convention bodies on the implementation of the Convention and on preparations for the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol. It recalled that decisions on such inputs are the prerogative of the Conference of the parties and its subsidiary bodies in accordance with the Convention and the decisions of the COP. The SBSTA would welcome such inputs in response to specific requests from the COP