

2. *Takes note* of the efforts of the Convention secretariat to reduce the volume of documentation, as indicated in paragraphs 9 and 10 of document FCCC/SBI/1997/12 on volume of documentation;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to explore with the United Nations, the possibility of ensuring unlimited access to all language versions of the documents of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that the United Nations makes available on its optical disk system on a restricted page on the World Wide Web.
4. *Invites* the Parties:
 - (a) To limit the volume of their submissions for circulation to Convention bodies, including those that do not require translation;
 - (b) To focus the content of submissions on material pertinent to the forthcoming sessions of the subsidiary bodies and to seek to avoid repetition of previously presented statements;
 - (c) To limit their requests for numbers of hard copies of documents;
 - (d) To limit the requests for documents that need to be translated; and
 - (e) To schedule the delivery of documents in a timely manner that corresponds to the capacity of the Convention bodies to consider them.
5. *Notes* the intention of the Executive Secretary to advise presiding officers on the feasibility of producing in a timely manner, the documentation envisaged in the conclusions of subsidiary bodies, before those conclusions are adopted.

VIII. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS (Agenda item 8)

A. Arrangements for COP 3 (Agenda item 8 (a))

1. Proceedings

33. At its 3rd, 4th and 5th meetings, on 29 and 30 July and 5 August respectively, the SBI addressed the sub-item on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings: arrangements for COP3. It had before it a document presented by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/1997/11).