

2. Conclusions

45. At its 12th meeting, having considered a proposal by the Chairman on the basis of inputs from the informal contact group, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note with appreciation of document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1 prepared by the secretariat;

(b) The SBSTA understands the meaning of Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol to be as follows: The adjustment to a Party's assigned amount shall be equal to verifiable changes in carbon stocks during the period 2008 to 2012 resulting from direct human-induced activities of afforestation, reforestation and deforestation since 1 January 1990. Where the result of this calculation is a net sink, this value shall be added to the Party's assigned amount. Where the result of this calculation is a net emission, this value shall be subtracted from the Party's assigned amount;

(c) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit information related to:

(i) The implementation of Article 3.3, particularly on data and methods, and questions and issues identified in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, by 15 August 1998 for compilation into a miscellaneous document by approximately 30 August 1998; and

(ii) Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how and which additional human-induced activities might be included under Article 3.4, including questions and issues identified in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, by 1 October 1998 for compilation into a miscellaneous document by approximately 15 October 1998;

(d) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop prior to COP 4 with participation by experts including those engaged in the IPCC process, possibly coincident with an IPCC expert meeting. The purpose of the workshop would be to consider data availability based on definitions used by Parties and international organizations, including their implications, in relation to Article 3.3 and to consider any further inputs to the IPCC, including to the report referred to in subparagraph (e) below. It also agreed to plan a second workshop after COP 4 to focus on issues arising from Article 3.4 and document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, the comments submitted by Parties and issues arising from the first workshop. It requested the secretariat to report on the initial workshop at the ninth session of the SBSTA;

(e) The SBSTA requested the IPCC to prepare and provide information to the SBSTA and the COP, in particular a special report as defined by IPCC procedures, on land-use, land-use change and forestry, in order to enable the COP to take decisions on recommendations on these issues to the COP/MOP at its first session. The special report should address the