

X. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
(Agenda item 10)

- A. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999**
- B. Financial performance in the biennium 1996-1997**
- C. Financial procedures**
- D. Administrative arrangements**
(Agenda items 10 (a) to 10 (d))

1. Proceedings

69. The SBI, at its 6th meeting, on 4 June, considered the information contained in documents FCCC/SBI/1998/4 and FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.4, and the oral updates provided by the secretariat.

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

2. Conclusions

71. At its 12th meeting, on 12 June, the SBI, on the recommendation of the Chairman, requested the secretariat to incorporate the following conclusions into a draft omnibus decision on administrative and financial matters to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session:

A. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

72. The SBI endorsed the Executive Secretary's proposed deployment of the post-Kyoto contingency resources as outlined in document FCCC/SBI/1998/4, paragraphs 7-10, in particular the increase in the number of additional posts from three to four. The SBI also authorized the Executive Secretary to allocate core budget resources to the Resources Planning and Coordination Programme, pending the conclusion of negotiations on increased allocations from the overhead payments made to the United Nations, and to transfer, as necessary and within the 15 per cent limit, funds from the budget approved for established posts to temporary assistance.

73. The SBI urged Parties to pay all outstanding contributions to the core budget as soon as possible, as well as to make timely voluntary contributions to the trust funds for participation and for supplementary activities.