

on the panels in the absence of a clear-cut sense of their role.

17. At the end of the session, the SBSTA agreed that the Parties will submit their views by 30 October 1995 to the secretariat, which will compile them for informal consultations on the margins of the second AGBM session starting that day. Formal discussions on this issue will resume at the second session of the SBSTA in February/March, 1996. Canada should submit its views by October 15, so that they can be considered seriously and get included in secretariat's compilation document.

18. Workshop on non-government inputs: The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop on NGO inputs, in cooperation with interested Parties and organizations. After lengthy debates over the usefulness, timing, participation, and funding issues, the SBSTA concluded that the workshop will likely take place on the weekend preceding the next SBSTA meeting, and it will be funded from the extrabudgetary sources. New Zealand, Switzerland, and the Netherlands have offered funds to support this event.

19. Schedule of meetings: U.S. made a suggestion (supported by many) that currently scheduled meetings of the SBSTA and the SBI are not enough, therefore, the secretariat should propose two additional weeks of meetings to be included in the budget for consideration at the UNGA. Recognizing the budgetary implications of this option, the U.S. also suggested overlapping of meetings during the sessions (similar to INC Working Groups). The LDCs saw problems with the second suggestion as some have smaller (one member) delegations. The scheduling question may be taken up at the second session of the subsidiary bodies.

20. Institutional linkages and Extrabudgetary funding: The executive secretary, in his concluding remarks, expressed concern about cashflows and urged the Parties to make early payments of their contributions to the special voluntary fund. He also noted that move to Bonn may require more administrative support than was anticipated. The secretariat will pursue a range of scheduling and budgetary matters at the U.N. General Assembly.

21. Based on SBSTA conclusions, three areas requiring extrabudgetary funding include: 1) the NGO workshop, 2) a workshop on non Annex 1 national communications, and 3) the contributions to the IPCC. The executive secretary will review the estimates of extrabudgetary needs (as determined at Berlin), and will notify the Parties about the contributions required for 1996.

22. SBI Report (paragraphs 22 to 31): The first meeting of the SBI focused on organizational matters. The chairman moved efficiently through the agenda, completing the two day agenda in just under one on August 31, thereby freeing up time for the SBSTA to complete its work.

23. IN-depth reviews: The Secretariat updated the session on progress on the in-depth reviews noting that although they are currently slightly behind schedule, additional resources received