

of assistance for the preparation of initial communications.

#### Annex 1 National Communications

Discussions on national communications for Annex 1 Parties took place in both the SBSTA (clarify technical and scientific issues) and SBI (policy related issues) and, relative to other items, went rather smoothly. A number of critical deadlines in the preparation of the second iteration of national communications were noted. In particular, by April 1, 1996, the SBSTA will be seeking guidance from Annex 1 Parties related to the presentation of inventory data on land use change and forestry sector for years subsequent to 1990; on projections; and, on aggregating data on ghg sources and sinks from this and other sectors and projections. Also, by April 1, 1996, the Secretariat will be seeking input from Parties on revisions to Annex 1 National Communications Guidelines, particularly in the area of technology transfer. Finally, by April 15, 1996, as first set out in Decision 3 at the first Conference of the Parties, Annex 1 Parties are requested to submit their national inventory data for the period 1990 - 1993, and where available, for 1994.

The SBI invited the SBSTA to consider ways of enhancing transparency, comparability and consistency through more specific reporting guidelines, including standard formats and tables for the description of policies and measures. In that regard, the SBI invited Parties to describe, to the extent possible, the specific effects expected from individual mitigation measures. The SBI also noted, based on projections provided by Parties, that many Annex 1 Parties will have to make additional efforts beyond those included in the projections if they are to return their ghg emissions to 1990 levels by 2000. Finally, as a way to promote the exchange of national experiences in carrying out national programmes on climate change, the SBI requested the Secretariat to organize a workshop which would focus on the implementation aspects of specific policies and measures taken by these Parties, as well as assess the results of the first cycle of in-depth reviews.

#### Technology Inventory & Assessment and Technology Transfer

The SBSTA considered the preparation of a technology inventory and assessment (as mentioned in Decision 13 of CoP 1). A statement by Bert Metz (Netherlands) chair of the Climate Technology Initiative described work of six elements of CTI and emphasized relevance of CTI work for non-Annex 1 Parties.

SBSTA requested the Secretariat to: a) identify existing sources of, as well as gaps in, information concerning technology information centres, with a view to developing a plan for setting up specialized technology information centres that could include, inter alia, sources of financing, preparation of comprehensive catalogues, dissemination of information and assessment of suitable technologies; b) conduct a survey in order to identify