

- (a) Programme of work;
 - (b) Activities by Annex II Parties regarding the transfer of technologies.
7. Roster of experts.
 8. Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
 9. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2 (b))

4. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 20 October, during which the Chairman recalled the need to start on time as otherwise services for interpretation would be lost. Full conference services would be available for one morning and one afternoon meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Chairman recalled that an informal meeting with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the Third Assessment Report (TAR) was scheduled for the afternoon of 22 October.

5. The SBSTA agreed to the Chairman's proposal to amend the suggested approach to the organization of work contained in the annotations to the provisional agenda (FCCC/SBSTA/1997/7) by taking up additional items at its first meeting. It also agreed to set up groups to discuss two agenda items in informal consultations.

6. The Chairman informed the SBSTA that applications for observer status from three intergovernmental and 21 non-governmental organizations had been screened by the secretariat on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention and in accordance with the procedures established by the COP for the admission of organizations (see document FCCC/SB/1997/INF.4). The SBSTA agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBSTA, pending formal action on their accreditation by the COP at its third session.

7. The SBSTA also agreed to the Chairman's proposal to follow the recommendations on the division of labour between the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) that were agreed by both bodies at their sixth sessions, and consequently to allow one body to take overall responsibility in considering an issue. Specific inputs from the other body would be obtained by establishing informal joint working groups.

**C. Preparations by the SBSTA for the third session of the
Conference of the Parties**

(Agenda item 2 (c))

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and 4th meetings, on 20 and 28 October respectively. At the 1st meeting, the SBSTA agreed to forward to COP 3 recommendations of