

**V. SECOND REVIEW OF THE ADEQUACY OF ARTICLE 4,  
SUBPARAGRAPHS 2 (a) AND (b)**  
(Agenda item 5)

**1. Proceedings**

33. The SBI considered this item at its 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> meetings, on 3, 5, 10 and 12 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1998/2.

34. Statements were made by representatives of 25 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

35. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 5 June, the SBI established an informal contact group to consider this issue, co-chaired by Ms. Jennifer Irish (Canada) and Ms. Margaret Mukahanana (Zimbabwe).

**2. Conclusions**

36. At its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 12 June, on the basis of a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI reiterated the conclusions reached by the Conference of the Parties at its first session (decision 1/CP.1) that subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b) of Article 4 of the Convention are not adequate for the fulfilment of the objective of the Convention;

(b) The SBI recognized that the Kyoto Protocol is an important step;

(c) The representative of the Group of 77 and China speaking on behalf of the Group stated the view that pending entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, concrete measures should be implemented by Annex I Parties towards achieving the aim of returning to the 1990 level of anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases and that no new commitments for non-Annex I Parties should be introduced. Some other Parties expressed the view that action by Annex I Parties alone would not be sufficient to meet the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2;

(d) The SBI recommended that the second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b) should be carried out by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session. Some Parties stated that such a review must consider action related to the adequacy of Article 4, subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b), which includes action by all Parties necessary to meet the objective of the Convention. The representative of the Group of 77 and China speaking on behalf of the Group stated that the Conference, at its fourth session, must not be distracted from carrying out that review as mandated by the Convention by the introduction of any extraneous matters such as the consideration of new commitments for Parties not included in Annex I;