

3. *Having considered* the recommendations made by the Chairmen, through the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as included in the reports of their sixth sessions, the Conference of the Parties at its 3rd session,
4. *Desiring* to further elaborate the division of labour between the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,
5. *Decided that:*
6. The division of labour is governed by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and by decisions 6/CP.1, and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.
7. As indicated in decision 6/CP.1, the role of the subsidiary bodies can be broadly characterized as follows:
 - (a) The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice will be the link between the scientific, technical and technological assessments and the information provided by competent international bodies, and the policy-oriented needs of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) The Subsidiary Body for Implementation will develop recommendations to assist the Conference of the Parties in its review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and in the preparation and implementation of its decisions.
8. The consideration of issues which are pertinent to both bodies, should take place in a way which is efficient in the use of time during meetings, to avoid confusion, and to reduce the overall workload. Therefore, in general, one of the bodies will take the overall responsibility in considering an issue; requesting, if necessary, adequate and specific inputs from the other body. Where overall responsibility is not assigned, agendas should be organized to avoid the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation dealing with such issues in parallel sessions. On issues where this is not possible, consideration should be given to holding ad-hoc joint sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. On this basis the provisions above are clarified as follows:

National communications from Parties

9. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation will have the overall responsibility for:
 - (a) Developing guidelines on the processes for consideration of national communications;