

(d) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop with the participation of methodological experts from the roster, as well as from other relevant organizations, to develop proposals to resolve the methodological issues identified by Parties and by the secretariat while processing GHG inventories included in second national communications. The conclusions of such a workshop, and of any workshop organized by the secretariat related to possible additions and/or amendments to the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties (decision 9/CP.2), as discussed under agenda item 4 (a), should be available for the tenth session of the SBSTA;

(e) The SBSTA noted that the Kyoto Protocol includes provisions related to GHG inventory methods. The SBSTA recognized that methodological issues arising from the Protocol including, for example, guidance for estimating and reporting HFCs, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride, need to be evaluated. The SBSTA encouraged the IPCC-OECD-IEA Inventories Programme to give high priority to completing its work on uncertainty, as well as to prepare a report on good practices in inventory management and to submit a report on these issues for consideration by the SBSTA, if possible by COP 5. The SBSTA encouraged the secretariat to continue its close collaboration with other relevant bodies, such as the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol, on technical and methodological issues.

B. Land-use change and forestry - decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (a)

(Agenda item 6 (b))

1. Proceedings

41. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5th and 12th meetings, on 4 and 12 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1 and FCCC/SB/1998/MISC.1.

42. Statements were made by representatives of 17 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the African Group, another speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States and another speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. The representative of a non-governmental organization also made a statement.

43. At the 5th meeting on 4 June, a statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

44. Also at its 5th meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this sub-item by way of an informal contact group, to be chaired by Mr. Paul Maclons (South Africa) and Mr. Maciej Sadowski (Poland).