

## I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

(Agenda item 1)

1. The seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Beethovenhalle, Bonn, from 20 to 28 October 1997.
2. At the 1st meeting on 20 October 1997, the Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Tibor Faragó (Hungary), opened the session and welcomed all delegates as well as observers from non-parties, United Nations bodies and organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and wished the participants a successful session. He urged delegates to make efficient use of the time allocated and to conclude the negotiations in a timely manner. He further noted that this was the last session of the SBSTA before the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3) and, therefore, the last opportunity for the SBSTA to make recommendations for decisions to be adopted at COP 3.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 2)

### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2 (a))

3. At its 1st meeting, on 20 October 1997, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/1997/7, and adopted the following agenda:
  1. Opening of the session.
  2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
    - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
    - (c) Preparations by the SBSTA for the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3).
  3. Co-operation with relevant international organizations.
  4. National communications:
    - (a) Communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
    - (b) Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
  5. Methodological issues.
  6. Development and transfer of technologies: