

15. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBSTA to the tentative schedule of meetings contained in document FCCC/SB/1998/3, noting that the schedule was intended to be used as a guide, and might need to be modified to reflect the pace of progress.

16. The Chairman informed the SBSTA that applications for accreditation to the sessions of the subsidiary bodies had recently been received from nine non-governmental organizations. These applications 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 as observers. The SBSTA agreed to grant these organizations access to the current session of the SBSTA, pending formal action on their accreditation by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session.

D. Allocation of work - issues arising from decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 6

E. Organization of the work of future sessions

(Agenda items 2 (d) and (e))

1. Proceedings

17. The SBSTA considered these sub-items in an integrated manner at its 4th and 14th meetings, on 3 and 12 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SB/1998/1.

18. Statements were made by representatives of two Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

19. At its 4th meeting, on 3 June, the SBSTA agreed that this issue would be considered in an informal contact group, jointly established with the SBI. This informal contact group was chaired by Mr. José Romero (Switzerland).

2. Conclusions

20. At its 14th meeting, which was held jointly with the SBI, having considered a joint proposal by the Chairmen on the basis of inputs from the joint informal contact group, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA and the SBI decided to defer consideration of these items until their ninth sessions;

(b) The SBSTA and the SBI invited the Chairmen, if they considered it would be useful, to formulate points which might provide a basis for deliberations at their ninth sessions.