

(h) The SBSTA finally requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of establishing a United Nations "Climate Change Day" to promote awareness of climate change issues at the national and international levels.

VI. METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Agenda item 6)

A. Emissions inventories

(Agenda item 6 (a))

1. Proceedings

38. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 5th and 10th meetings, on 4 and 11 June, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/1998/4 and FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.2.

39. Statements were made by representatives of seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

40. At its 10th meeting, on 11 June, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/4, and endorsed the activities related to greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories set out in that document;

(b) The SBSTA urged Parties to participate actively in the ongoing activities of the current programme of work on methodologies related to GHG inventories, bearing in mind their relationship with possible additions and/or amendments to the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, discussed under agenda item 4 (a), and the longer-term methodological needs of the Kyoto Protocol, *inter alia*, the development of guidelines for national systems and adjustments under Article 5 of that Protocol;

(c) The SBSTA recalled the relevant conclusions of its seventh session, and requested Annex I Parties which had not already done so to make available to the secretariat, by 15 August 1998, for purposes of comparison and transparency, their complete 1996 GHG inventories obtained using, when possible, best available methodologies and those obtained using the current default methodologies of the IPCC Guidelines. It also requested Parties which had not already done so to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 1998, their views on possible approaches to resolving the methodological issues related to GHG inventories such as those identified in the annex on methodological issues contained in document FCCC/SBI/1997/19, for compilation into a miscellaneous document;