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B. <u>Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention</u> (Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th meetings, on 4, 10, 11 and 12 June. The SBI had before it documents FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.3 and Add.1, and FCCC/SBI/1998/MISC.1 and FCCC/SBI/1998/MISC.2.

26. Statements were made by representatives of 28 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

27. At its 5th meeting, the SBI agreed to a proposal by the Chairman that this item should be taken up in informal contact group discussions in conjunction with item 4 of the agenda, Financial mechanism. The informal contact group was co-chaired by Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda) and Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder (United States of America).

2. Conclusions

28. At its 12th meeting, on 12 June, the SBI, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI took note of the views expressed by Parties on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention and the observations by the secretariat on these communications as contained in documents FCCC/SBI/1998/INF.3 and Add.1;

(b) The SBI also took note of a proposal to hold a workshop before its ninth session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with the aim of assisting deliberations on the process for considering non-Annex I Party communications; and

(c) The SBI decided to continue its discussion on this matter at its ninth session.