

(d) The SBSTA took up the question of technology information centres and enhancing support for national or regional centres but was not able to reach a consensus. Views put forward by several Parties during the discussions were made available in document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/MISC.5. The SBSTA decided to continue the discussion of this matter at its ninth session with the intention of forwarding its conclusions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session;

(e) Having considered the positive experience drawn from the technology round table held during COP 3, involving the participation of Parties as well as the business community, international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize another such event in conjunction with COP 4 focussing on the analysis of barriers to the development and transfer of technology (in both Annex I and non-Annex I Parties) and on the identification and elimination of these barriers in order to facilitate the development and transfer of technology;

(f) The SBSTA requested the SBI to take note that the Conference of the Parties, at its fourth session, should review the implementation of Article 4.5 and 4.1(c) of the Convention as a separate agenda item, in accordance with decision 13/CP.1 (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1);

(g) The SBSTA noted the secretariat activities on terms of transfer of technology and know-how and urged the secretariat to complete the technical paper on barriers and opportunities related to the transfer of technology to developing countries for the ninth session;

(h) The SBSTA took note of the secretariat's preliminary analysis of adaptation technologies and encouraged the secretariat to continue its work on different adaptation topics;

(i) The SBSTA took note of the submission by the Group of 77 and China of draft decisions regarding technology development and transfer, and capacity building, circulated as document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/CRP.1;

(j) The SBSTA invited Parties to provide, by 15 August 1998, for compilation into a miscellaneous document, their views regarding:

(i) Technology development and transfer, and capacity building; and

(ii) The tasks described in document FCCC/SB/1997/1, and any additional tasks, as well as the strategic focus of the secretariat's work programme on the development and transfer of technologies (see subparagraph (d) above).