

5. Financial mechanism: Review process referred to in decision 9/CP.1.
6. Development and transfer of technologies.
7. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Programme budget for 1998-1999;
 - (b) Volume of documentation.
8. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
 - (a) Arrangements for COP 3;
 - (b) Arrangements for COP 4;
 - (c) Calendar of meetings for 1997-1999.
9. Matters arising from the United Nations General Assembly: Special session on Agenda 21.
10. Mechanisms for consultation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
11. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2 (b))

6. At its 1st meeting, on 28 July, the Chairman stated that services would be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the days allotted to the SBI. The SBI approved the organization of the work as presented by the Chairman. The Chairman also referred to the documentation before the sixth session, as mentioned in document FCCC/SBI/1997/7.

7. The SBI agreed to admit two new intergovernmental organizations and ten non-governmental organizations that had been screened by the secretariat, on the basis of the provisions in paragraph 6 of Article 7 of the Convention, without prejudice to the subsequent action by the COP.

C. Preparation by the SBI for the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3)
(Agenda item 2 (c))

8. The Chairman invited delegates to prepare, to the extent possible, recommendations for appropriate decisions to be adopted by the COP at its third session, and recalled that this approach had already been taken in previous sessions.