

**B. Organization of the work of the session**

(Agenda item 2 (b))

4. At the 1st meeting, on 5 June, the Chairman recalled that conference services would be available for eight meetings of the Group with interpretation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The AG13 agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposed schedule of work contained in annex II to document FCCC/AG13/1998/1.

5. The AG13 agreed to the admission of nine non-governmental organizations that had been screened by the secretariat, on the basis of the provisions of Article 7.6 of the Convention, without prejudice to subsequent action by the Conference of the Parties.

**C. Attendance**

6. The list of attendance at the sixth session of the AG13 is contained in document FCCC/1998/INF.1.

**D. Documentation**

7. The main documents that have been considered by the AG13 since its establishment in 1995 are listed in annex I below.

**III. FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE  
MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

(Agenda item 3)

8. At its 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> meetings, on 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 June, the AG13 considered the functions and procedures of the multilateral consultative process as contained in annex II to the report on the work of its fifth session (FCCC/AG13/1997/4).

**1. Proceedings**

9. Statements were made by representatives of 23 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. A statement was also made by the secretariat.

10. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the AG13 agreed:

(a) That "transparent" in paragraph 3 of the multilateral consultative process text (see annex II below) referred to the importance of the Party or Parties concerned being at all times in a position to participate fully in the process as well as of ensuring that the outcome of the process was open, understandable and available to the other Parties and to the public, but it did not mean that the proceedings of the multilateral consultative process were to be open to all;