

“Matters relating to implementation: scientific and methodological aspects of proposal by Brazil”. Views were expressed for and against the inclusion of provisional item 6 “Voluntary commitments by non-Annex I Parties”, the inclusion of which had been requested by a Party.

54. Also at the 8th meeting, suggestions were made as to possible areas of focus for the high-level segment of the Conference (see FCCC/SBI/1998/MISC.3).

2. Conclusions

55. At its 11th meeting, on 11 June, the SBI, on the recommendation of the Chairman, adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI encouraged the secretariat and the host Government to continue their efforts to finalize logistical arrangements for the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, and to conclude the host country agreement as soon as possible;

(b) The SBI requested the Executive Secretary to take note of the points raised during the meeting when preparing the provisional agenda for COP 4, in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies being applied; and

(c) The SBI recommended that an inaugural ceremony should be scheduled for the afternoon of 11 November 1998, and that statements by ministers and other heads of delegation of Parties should be made during the high-level segment on 12 and 13 November. Statements by representatives of observer States and observer organizations would be made to the plenary earlier in the session. It also recommended that all heads of delegation should be accorded equal treatment, that all drafts and proposals be circulated with sufficient time for consideration and discussion, and that the high-level segment should be conducted in a transparent manner.

B. Calendar of meetings

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56. The SBI considered this sub-item at its 7th, 8th and 12th meetings on 5, 8 and 12 June, respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBI/1998/3.

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

58. At the 7th meeting, on 5 June, the Executive Secretary presented the SBI with an oral update on this item. He recalled that a calendar of meetings for the period 1998-1999 had been adopted by the COP at its third session (see FCCC/CP/1998/7/Add.1, section III, para. 4). He