

VII. Article 6 of the Convention

(Agenda item 7)

59. The SBI, at its twenty-fifth session, welcomed the progress made by Parties in implementing activities relating to Article 6 of the Convention. It recognized that the development and implementation of these activities have relied thus far mainly on voluntary contributions, and expressed its gratitude to Parties and organizations that are providing financial and technical support.

60. The SBI took note of the synthesis report on regional workshops on Article 6 (FCCC/SBI/2006/17), and reiterated the importance of holding an Article 6 workshop to address the particular needs of small island developing States (SIDS). The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of New Zealand and Norway, as well as to UNEP, for their contributions in this respect. It requested the secretariat to organize this workshop once a host country has been identified.

61. For the purpose of reviewing the New Delhi work programme in 2007, as mandated by decisions 11/CP.8 and 7/CP.10, the SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 23 February 2007, their views on the implementation of this work programme and on a possible future strategic approach. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these views in a miscellaneous document for consideration at its twenty-sixth session. The SBI also requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the extent of implementation of the work programme, taking into account the views from Parties and drawing on information contained in national communications, document FCCC/SBI/2006/17, the report of the planned SIDS workshop and other relevant reports that may be collated by the secretariat, for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session.

62. To initiate work on the elaboration of an Article 6 implementation work programme that may succeed the New Delhi work programme, the SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 17 August 2007, their views on a possible framework for such a work programme. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these views in a miscellaneous document and to prepare a working paper presenting a draft future work programme, taking into account the views from Parties and drawing on the proposed strategic approach outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2006/17, for consideration at its twenty-seventh session.

63. The SBI took note of the compilation of views from Parties on advancing work on the prototype information network clearing house (CC:iNet) for Article 6 of the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2006/MISC.15). It encouraged Parties to continue to contribute to and promote the use of CC:iNet and acknowledged that more work is needed to make it fully functional, multilingual and user-friendly. The SBI requested the secretariat to continue to advance work on this prototype clearing house in line with Parties' views.

64. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of France for its ongoing financial support to the CC:iNet project, and invited other Parties in a position to do so to contribute to its development and operation. It further recalled that an evaluation of the prototype will be undertaken in 2007 and suggested that the methodology to do so be discussed by the SBI at its twenty-sixth session.

65. In order to ensure a stable source of funding for administrative, financial and institutional matters relating to Article 6, the SBI invited the Executive Secretary to consider including this issue in his budget proposal for 2008–2009 for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-sixth session.

66. The SBI noted with appreciation that 35 Parties, as well as UNEP, have established Article 6 focal points and it invited all other interested Parties and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to do the same and to inform the secretariat accordingly. The SBI encouraged the Parties as well as the Article 6 focal points, as appropriate, to support the promotion of CC:iNet and activities relating to Article 6. The SBI further urged Parties and institutions in a position to do so to support Article 6 activities, including strengthening Article 6 national focal points, in order to promote related activities.

67. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its twelfth session:

- (a) Invite the GEF to produce simple guidelines on how to enhance activities relating to Article 6 in project proposals when applying for GEF funding;
- (b) Recall Article 4, paragraph 1, and Article 6 of the Convention, as well as decisions 11/CP.1, 2/CP.4, 6.CP/8 and 11/CP.8 and urge the GEF to provide further funding, in a more timely manner, to the developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and SIDS, to allow these countries to implement activities relating to Article 6 and the New Delhi work programme.