

VI. Article 6 of the Convention

(Agenda item 6)

61. The SBI welcomed the progress of work in implementing activities within the scope and in line with the guiding principles of the New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, as reported by Parties in their national communications and other relevant documents. It took note of the financial requirements for their implementation, and urged the GEF and other bilateral and multilateral agencies to continue to make financial resources available for Article 6 activities.

62. The SBI reaffirmed that regional, subregional and national workshops are valuable forums for sharing experiences and lessons learned, identifying specific opportunities for international and regional cooperation, and building partnerships with all sectors of the economy.

63. The SBI welcomed the offer of the Government of Uruguay to host the regional workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean in March 2005 and noted with appreciation the contributions of the Governments of Switzerland and the United States of America. It also welcomed the technical and financial resources pledged by UNEP to contribute to this workshop.

64. The SBI also welcomed the offer of the Government of Japan to host the Asia Pacific regional workshop in September 2005 back-to-back with the fifteenth Asia Pacific Seminar on Climate Change. It expressed its appreciation to the Government of Australia for its contribution to this seminar which will support participation in the regional workshop, and to UNEP for its pledge to provide technical and financial support for the organization of the workshop.

65. The SBI recognized the particular needs of the small island developing States and agreed that these needs could be addressed, subject to availability of resources, by organizing a pre-session workshop in conjunction with SBI 23 (November 2005).

66. The SBI urged Parties and international organizations in a position to do so to make funding available for the above-mentioned workshops.

67. The SBI welcomed the well-established collaboration between the secretariat and UNEP in advancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and of the New Delhi work programme, in particular in facilitating the implementation of Article 6 activities in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. It requested the secretariat to collaborate further with UNEP and other relevant international organizations, and to report on the outcome of such collaboration to the SBI at future sessions.

68. Having considered the options for the development of the information network clearing house as contained in FCCC/SBI/2004/14, the SBI encouraged the prompt start of the first development phase and requested the secretariat to advance its work as the host organization for the prototype clearing house.

69. The SBI noted that, in accordance with decision 16/CP.9, paragraph 20, the Executive Secretary provided Parties with an indication of the administrative and

budgetary implications of these conclusions. The SBI also noted that no financial provisions have been made in the 2004–2005 core budget to further develop and maintain the information network clearing house on Article 6 of the Convention, and that these conclusions can be implemented only if supplementary funds are available.

70. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of France for its two supplementary contributions, totalling EUR 70,000, towards the further development of the clearing house, and urged other Parties in a position to do so to contribute to meeting the estimated cost of its development and implementation, as indicated in FCCC/SBI/2004/14.

71. The SBI recommended a draft decision on this subject (FCCC/SBI/2004/L.16/Add.1) for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.¹⁹

¹⁹ For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2004/10/Add.1, decision 7/CP.10.