

VI. Article 6 of the Convention

(Agenda item 6)

50. The SBI took note of the information provided in documents FCCC/SBI/2007/17, FCCC/SBI/2007/22, FCCC/SBI/2007/29 and FCCC/SBI/2007/MISC.10, prepared to support the review of the New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, the mandate of which expires at the end of 2007, and the elaboration of a work programme to succeed the New Delhi work programme. It also welcomed documents FCCC/SBI/2007/26 and FCCC/SBI/2007/MISC.12, prepared to support the evaluation of, and future work on, the prototype information network clearing house (CC:iNet).

51. The SBI noted with appreciation the progress made by Parties in planning and implementing activities relating to Article 6 in accordance with the New Delhi work programme, and recognized that:

- (a) The five-year New Delhi work programme has proved to be a good framework for action;
- (b) The regional workshops on Article 6 have helped to advance the New Delhi work programme by providing useful inputs into the work on Article 6 at the country level and identifying possible follow-up action at the national, subregional and regional levels;
- (c) CC:iNet is an important tool for promoting the implementation of Article 6, which should be further developed and promoted to enhance its relevance and usefulness, subject to the availability of resources.

52. The SBI noted that the implementation of Article 6 is a long-term process, which supports mitigation actions and adaptation solutions and strategies. A framework supporting its further implementation is needed to sustain and promote national and regional efforts.

53. The SBI acknowledged that the review of the implementation of the New Delhi work programme contained in document FCCC/SBI/2007/22 indicated that “the lack of financial and technical resources is the major impediment for non-Annex I Parties in their attempts to adequately implement Article 6 activities.”²⁶ This is particularly true for the LDCs and small island developing States (SIDS). At the same time the SBI acknowledged that funding may be secured through the integration of education and outreach components into the various projects funded by the GEF.

54. The SBI recognized the work of UNEP in supporting the implementation of Article 6 activities in non-Annex I Parties, LDCs and SIDS, and encouraged it and other United Nations agencies to continue to do so. The SBI acknowledged that there is still a need for continued support from the GEF and other bilateral and multilateral donors for Article 6 activities.

²⁶ The text in quotation marks has been adapted from document FCCC/SBI/2007/22, paragraph 76 (b).

55. The SBI decided to recommend a draft decision²⁷ on this subject for adoption by the COP at its thirteenth session (for the text of the decision, see FCCC/SBI/2007/L.29/Add.1).

²⁷ For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2007/6/Add.1, decision 9/CP.13.