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REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

Geneva, 7-8 November 1996

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1.1 The session was declared open by the Chairman of the IPCC, Prof. B. Bolin, at 1005 hours on Thursday, 7 November 1996, in Sir Arthur Davies Hall of the WMO Headquarters Building. The agenda as adopted is attached in Appendix A.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION

2.1 The Report was approved without amendments.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE TECHNICAL PAPER ON TECHNOLOGIES, POLICIES AND MEASURES

3.1 The Co-Chairmen of Working Group II informed the Bureau of the revisions made to the draft Technical Paper, circulated on 7 October 1996, by the Lead Authors in the light of the comments received during final government review. In its capacity as the editorial board for the Paper, the Bureau considered the major comments that the Lead Authors had not fully incorporated in the revised draft and expressed satisfaction that the Lead Authors had observed the agreed Procedures. In the light of its observations, the Bureau requested the Lead authors to finalize the draft Technical Paper.

3.2 The Bureau decided that the Technical Paper should be made available to the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and thereafter publicly, as soon as possible after finalization by the Lead Authors.

3.3 In the future, the draft Technical Papers revised by the Lead Authors after the final government review should be circulated to the Bureau at least a week in advance of the session where the Bureau would consider them for release.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE CHAIRMAN-ELECT, DR. R.T. WATSON, FOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUREAU TO BE ELECTED IN 1997 AND THE IPCC WORK PROGRAMME FOR COMPLETING THE THIRD ASSESSMENT

4.1 The Bureau decided to consider the matter further at its next session. Dr. Watson was requested to revise his draft (copy attached in Appendix B) in the light of the following general but preliminary observations of the Bureau:

- * option 1 or 2 favoured generally;
- * synthesis needs a structure; the role of integrated assessment modelling needs to be considered in this regard; simple Q&A approach could be one form of the synthesis,

somewhat in the nature of the Technical Papers; synthesis could also interpret the conclusions & findings in the assessment towards addressing the objective of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; synthesis needs to address cross-disciplinary issues;

- * regional emphasis welcome;
- * timing of the Third Assessment Report rather critical;
- * important to adhere to Procedures;
- * institutional issues need to be clarified;
- * full budgetary implications (e.g., publication costs, programme on methodologies) must be considered concurrently.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 On other matters, the Bureau:

- decided, after a lengthy discussion where diverse views were expressed, to recommend to the Panel that the peer and government reviews be conducted concurrently with respect to the IPCC Special Report on Aviation and the Global Atmosphere;
- agreed with the recommendations of the IPCC Workshop on Regional Climate Projections for Impact Assessment (London, 24-25 September 1996) to establish a Task Group on Regional Climate Projections for Impact Analyses; the terms of reference of the Group (copy attached in Appendix C) would be as recommended by the Workshop; the composition of the Group should include experts from the developing world;
- noted that the Special Session of the UN General Assembly would take place in June 1997 and that the Commission for Sustainable Development would meet in April 1997 to prepare its input;
- agreed with the terms of reference (copy attached in Appendix D) of the expanded IPCC-OECD Liaison Group on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (IOLG) as recommended by the Co-Chairmen of Working Group I;
- agreed with the Chairman to seek the views of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on emission profiles to be used in studying the temperature and sea level implications of emissions reduction proposals made to the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM);
- referred the proposal of the Russian Federation to IPCC-XIII. The proposal was for including the Russian intervention during IPCC-XII in the report of *that* session that IPCC should define "dangerous for the climate system" in the context of Article 2, the Objective, of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

5.2 The Secretary informed the Bureau that the views of governments would be solicited with respect to the IPCC Procedures in order to prepare a document on the subject for IPCC-XIII.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

6.1 The Twelfth Session of the Bureau would take place from 3 to 5 February 1997 in Sir Arthur Davies Hall of the WMO Headquarters Building in Geneva.

7. COOPERATION BETWEEN IPCC AND UNFCCC

7.1 The Chairman of SBSTA, Dr. T. Farago, the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Mr. M. El Ghaouth and the Chairman of AGBM, Ambassador R. Estrada-Oyuela, and the Executive Secretary, Mr. M. Zammit Cutajar and other officers of the Convention Secretariat, were invited to the last part of the session for a briefing on the outcome of the session. The Chairman of AGBM was unable to attend. (One of the Vice-Chairmen of AGBM, Mr. D. Reifsnyder, attended the full session in his capacity as the Chairman of the Ad Hoc IPCC Financial Task Group (AIFTG)).

7.2 The Chairman informed the visitors of the completion of the Technical Paper on Technologies, Policies and Measures which had been requested by the AGBM. The printed volume in English was expected to be available at the AGBM session in December 1996 while translations in French and Spanish should be available in a month after that.

7.3 The Chairman also stated his intention to solicit SBSTA's views on emission profiles (see paragraph 5.1, 4th bullet) in order to complete the Technical Paper on the temperature and sea level implications of emissions reductions proposals.

8. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE SESSION

8.1 The Bureau approved paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 during the session. The rest of the report, in draft form, would be submitted to the next session for approval.

9. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

9.1 The session closed at 1630 hours on Friday, 8 November 1996.

9.2 The list of participants is attached in Appendix E.