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~~DRAFT~~ REPORT OF THE
TENTH SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

Geneva, 28-29 March 1996

(Submitted by the Secretary)

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

Prof. B. Bolin, the Chairman of the IPCC, opened the session at 1010 hours on Thursday, 28 March 1996, in Salle II of the Geneva International Conference Centre, 15 rue de Varembé, Geneva.

The agenda as approved is attached in Appendix A.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION

The Report was approved without amendments.

3. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE IPCC AND THE BODIES OF THE UNFCCC

The Chairman of SBSTA, Mr. T. Farago, spoke at the session by invitation. Mr. D. Reifsnnyder, the Vice-Chairman of the AGBM, attended the session in his capacity as the Chairman of the Ad Hoc IPCC Financial Advisory Group (AIFTG) and intervened on clarifications related to the AGBM. The Secretariat of the UNFCCC had been also invited to attend the session.

The Bureau discussed the *Initial List of Items on which the IPCC could provide Input to the SBSTA* (attached as Appendix B). It agreed on the following six Technical Papers and their completion dates:

- * Policies and Measures, requested by the AGBM, by November 1996 by Working Group II;
- * Modelling of Stabilization Scenarios Towards Addressing Article 2, requested by SBSTA, by November 1996 by Working Group I;
- * Environmental Implications of Emissions Limitations, requested by SBSTA, by November 1996 by Working Group I;
- * Simple Climate Models, requested by SBSTA, by November 1996 by Working Group I;
- * Regional Impacts of Climate Change, requested by SBSTA, by February 1997 by Working Group II;
- * Methodological and Technological Aspects of Technology Transfer, requested by SBSTA, by February 1997 by Working Group II.

The details are given in Appendix C. The Bureau decided that every effort should be made to include in the Team of Authors only those who already participated as Convening Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Contributors in the preparation of the Second Assessment Report. The Team of Authors would be chosen by the Working Group Co-Chairmen concerned and the IPCC Chairman in consultation with other Working Group Co-Chairmen as necessary. The Authors would be named on the first page of the text of the Technical Paper.

The Chairman of AIFTG announced that the Secretariat for the UNFCCC was taking steps to transfer \$ 310,000 to the IPCC Trust Fund, as decided by the SBI.

4. MINOR EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING IPCC WORK AND THE IPCC PROCEDURES TO BRING THE LANGUAGE IN LINE WITH WMO/UN PRACTICE

After some discussions and suggestions, the Bureau decided to forward the proposed editorial amendments to the IPCC for consideration at its Twelfth Session (Mexico City, 11-13 September 1996).

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON REVISIONS TO THE IPCC PHASE I GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES

The Co-Chairmen of Working Group I briefed the Bureau on the item. Meetings of Experts had been held or would be held to discuss possible revisions to the chapters on Energy, Industrial Processes, Agriculture, Land-Use Change and Forestry and Waste in the Phase I Guidelines. A Meeting of Experts for methane emissions from rice cultivation was included in the plan. The schedule called for revisions, if any, to be submitted to the Sixth Session of Working Group I (Mexico City, 10 September 1996) for acceptance, after peer and government technical reviews.

6. STATUS OF THE WMO/UNEP JOINT IPCC TRUST FUND AND THE APPROVED IPCC BUDGET FOR 1996-1997

The Secretary had included the 1996-1997 budget that was approved by the IPCC at its Eleventh Session (Rome, 11-15 December 1995) as part of the draft Report of that Session. He also stated that the carry-over from the 1994-1995 biennium in the IPCC Trust Fund could be higher than had been reported at IPCC-XI.

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman, recalling the decision of the IPCC, to extend the term of office of the current Bureau until elections for a new Bureau could be held, no later than 1997, proposed that a Chairman-Elect be elected at IPCC-XII. The Chairman-Elect, however, would take office only after the IPCC session that would be held after the Third Session of COP (COP-3). Until such time, the current Chairman would continue in office and would represent the Panel at COP-3. The Chairman-Elect would then have the time to plan for TAR and the rest of the continuing work programme and to undertake consultations regarding the composition of the new Bureau to be elected.

The Bureau agreed with the proposal and appointed a Search Committee with Prof. Bolin as the Chairman of the Committee. Prof. Bolin agreed with a proposal made from the floor that the Executive Heads of the two sponsoring organizations be invited to be members of the Committee or be requested to name their representatives on it. The Bureau also appointed the following other members of the Committee to represent the IPCC Regions:

Prof. Richard Odingo representing Africa (Region I)
Dr. Subodh K. Sharma representing Asia (Region II)

Mrs. Ing. Martha Perdomo representing South America (Region III)
Mr. Roberto Acosta Moreno representing North and Central America and the Caribbean (Region IV)
Dr. John Zillman representing SouthWest Pacific (Region V)
A member to be named by Germany and, if Germany did not wish to, one to be named by Spain representing Europe (Region VI).

The Bureau further agreed that the task of the Committee would be to search for suitable candidates and make a proposal to IPCC-XII. The Bureau requested the Chairman to report on this its action to IPCC-XII on its behalf.

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSION

The draft Report of the Session would be submitted at the next session for approval.

9. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The session closed at 1750 hours on Friday, 29 March 1996. The list of attendees is attached in Appendix D.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

COP	Conference of the Parties to the FCCC
FAR	IPCC First Assessment Report (1990)
FCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
GHG	Greenhouse Gas as defined in the FCCC
INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change
SAR	IPCC Second Assessment Report
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation of COP
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of COP
TAR	IPCC Third Assessment Report (ca. 2000)