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DRAFT REPORT OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE IPCC BUREAU

Geneva, 3-5 February 1997

(Submitted by the Secretary of the IPCC)

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1.1 The session was declared open by the Chairman of the IPCC, Prof. B. Bolin, at 1010 hours on Monday, 3 February 1997, 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 ELEVENTH SESSION

2.1 The Report was approved after inserting the words "for the climate system" after "dangerous" in the last bullet of paragraph 5.1 so the bullet would read as follows:

- 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.

3. CONSIDERATION OF (a) THE TECHNICAL PAPER, AN INTRODUCTION TO SIMPLE CLIMATE MODELS USED IN THE IPCC SECOND ASSESSMENT REPORT AND (b) THE TECHNICAL PAPER, STABILISATION OF ATMOSPHERIC GREENHOUSE GASES: PHYSICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It may be recalled that the Technical Papers were undertaken at the request of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

3.2 The Co-Chairmen of Working Group I informed the Bureau of the revisions made to the draft Technical Papers 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 drafts 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 Papers.

3.3 The Bureau decided that the Technical Papers should be made available to the SBSTA, and thereafter publicly, as soon as possible after finalization by the Lead Authors.

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 made a large number of observations and requested Dr Watson to revise his draft (copy attached in Appendix B). It decided to devote its next session to the discussion of the revised draft.

5. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UN FCCC AND THE IPCC

5.1 This agenda item was scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, 5 February 1997. The representatives of the UN FCCC were informed of the completion of the two IPCC Technical Papers.

5.2 The representatives were further informed that with respect to the IPCC Technical Paper on Temperature and Sea Level Implications of Emission Reduction Proposals, a technical analysis of the implications of the submitted proposals on greenhouse gas concentrations and climate would be presented. No socio-economic implications could be included, as there was no information in the IPCC Second Assessment Report on the subject.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 On other matters, the Bureau:

- welcomed the prompt start made at the preliminary meeting of the Task Group on Regional Climate Projections for Impact Analyses. It noted that the issue of appropriate representation was being addressed and requested that the results of the discussions in this regard be reported to its next session;
- was informed by the Co-Chairman of working Group III, Dr J.P. Bruce, that the IPCC Workshop on the economic impacts of the actions of Annex I Parties on all countries would most likely take place in Oslo in the third week of August 1997. The focus would be on the output of numerical models (including trade models);
- was informed that a workshop, co-sponsored by the IPCC, on costing methodologies for impacts and adaptation measures, particularly for the developing countries, would be hosted by the Government of Denmark in Copenhagen on 16-18 June 1997.

6.2 By way of further information, the Bureau was notified (a) that the Special Report on Emission Scenarios was now scheduled for completion towards the end of 1998, earlier than planned originally and (b) that the IPCC Workshop on Integrated Assessment Modelling would take place in Tokyo on 10-12 March 1997 at the kind invitation of the Government of Japan.

6.3 In other action, the Bureau established an ad-hoc group to examine and report on minor amendments to the IPCC procedures to bring them in consonance with WMO and UN terminology. The Bureau requested Mr D. Warrilow of the UK to chair the group which would function by correspondence. France and Argentina were requested to be members of the group.

7. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

7.1 The Thirteenth Session of the Bureau would take place from 9 to 11 July 1997 in a place to be announced.

8. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE SESSION

8.1 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 Wednesday, 5 February 1997.

9.2 The list of participants is attached in Appendix C.