



INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE



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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (agenda item 1)

The Chairman of the IPCC, Prof. B. Bolin, opened the session at 1000 hours on Monday, 10 February 1992 at the International Conference Centre, Geneva. The agenda, as approved, is attached in Appendix A.

Prof. Bolin stressed that the primary objective of the session was to agree on the contents of the 1992 IPCC Supplement.

1.1 Remarks by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Prof. G.O.P. Obasi

The remarks made by Prof. Obasi follow:

(Prof. Obasi's address, distributed at the session, to be placed here)

1.2 Remarks by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Dr. M.K. Tolba

The remarks of Dr. Tolba, read out on his behalf by Dr. M. Uppenbrink, the Director of the European Regional Office of UNEP, follow:

(Dr. Tolba's remarks, distributed at the session, to be placed here)

2. IPCC-INC RELATIONSHIP (agenda item 2)

The remarks made by Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, the Executive Secretary of the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Framework Convention on Climate Change (INC) follow:

(Mr. Zammit Cutajar's remarks, distributed at the session, to be placed here)

3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE WORKING GROUPS TO THE 1992 IPCC SUPPLEMENT (agenda item 3)

3. The Panel approved the 1992 Supplement after discussing the contributions from the three Working Groups and adding an introductory section, a section on the participation of the developing countries and a section on the outcome of its discussions and future direction of work. Copies of the Supplement, in all the official UN languages, are available on request from the IPCC Secretariat.

3.2 The Panel agreed that the 1992 IPCC Supplement together with the IPCC Overview and Policymaker Summaries (which had not been printed in book-form) be published with funding provided by a consortium of countries; this efforts would be coordinated by Canada.

4. REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON IPCC STRUCTURE (agenda item 4)

4.1 The Panel was informed of the results of the session of the IPCC Task Force on IPCC Structure (Geneva, 8 February 1992). Prof. Bolin, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Task Force, stated that one or two more sessions of the Task Force might be needed to arrive at the Task Force recommendations.

4.2 Based on the discussions, the Chairman submitted a proposal containing 4 alternatives:

- * alternative 1: 2 working groups (WGs) and 2 task forces (TFs); one WG on science, same as existing WG I; second WG to combine existing WGs II and III; one TF on technical assessment of the economics of climate change and another on emissions scenarios;
- * alternative 2: same as alternative 1, except the two TFs would combine in a new WG;
- * alternative 3: continuation of existing structure;
- * alternative 4: no WGs but 6 TFs to carry out the same tasks as in alternatives 1 and 2.

4.3 After further discussion, the Panel agreed with the Chairman that he submit a revised proposal to another session of the Task Force; the session would take place after the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) scheduled to take place in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992.

5. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE SIXTH SESSION (agenda item 5)

The Panel approved the subject draft report without amendments. The report is available on request from the IPCC Secretariat.

6. ORGANIZATION OF THE FURTHER WORK OF THE PANEL (agenda item 6)

The Panel expressed its view on the future direction of its work in the last section of the 1992 IPCC Supplement. This would be further developed at its eighth session (see section 3 also).

7. IPCC BUDGET, OTHER SUPPORT AND SEMINARS - STATUS REPORT
(agenda item 7)

7.1 The status of the WMO/UNEP IPCC Trust Fund as of January 1992 and the IPCC Information Exchange Seminar Series was reported to the Panel by the IPCC Secretary. Difficulties continued particularly with respect to cash flow in the Fund.

7.2 The Panel urged donors to increase their contributions to the Trust Fund and also to ensure their timely dispatch. The Panel agreed that IPCC meetings should be scheduled as far in advance as possible. It was also desirable to include cost estimates for such items as publication in future budget proposals.

7.3 The following pledges were made to the Trust Fund:

The Netherlands	\$ 50,000 (for the participation of the developing countries)
Sweden	SF 25,000 (for the participation of the developing countries)
France	F 100,000 (for developing countries, particularly those that are French-speaking)
Germany	DM 180,000 (for the participation of the developing countries)
Norway	Nkr 200,000
CEC	ECU 50,000 (for the participation of the developing countries).

8. OTHER BUSINESS (agenda item 8)

There was none.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (agenda item 9)

The Panel decided that it would meet in its eighth session after UNCED. The delegate of Zimbabwe expressed the hope that that session could be in Harare. The Chairman would announce the dates for the session as soon as possible.

10. CLOSING OF THE SESSION (agenda item 10)

10.1 The session closed on Wednesday, 12 February 1992 at 1800 hours.

10.2 The list of attendees is attached in Appendix B.



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APPENDIX A

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- 1.3 Remarks by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Dr. M.K. Tolba
- 1.4 Remarks by the Chairman of IPCC, Prof. B. Bolin
- 1.5 Approval of the agenda (Docs. 1 & 2)
The agenda may be amended at any time during the session.
- 1.6 Work programme of the session

2. IPCC-INC RELATIONSHIP

3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE WORKING GROUPS TO THE 1992 IPCC SUPPLEMENT

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- 3.5 Task 5 (Working Group III)
- 3.6 Task 6 (Working Group I)
- 3.7 IPCC Special Committee on the Participation of Developing Countries
- 3.8 Issues common to the three Working Groups
- 3.9 Publication questions

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Distributed during the session.
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