

Decision 6/CP.2

Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the mandate of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice as given in Article 9 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and decision 6/CP.1 to provide assessments of the state of scientific knowledge relating to climate change and its effects (Article 9.2 (a)) and, in this context, to:

- (a) Summarize and, where necessary, convert the latest international scientific, technical, socio-economic and other information provided by competent bodies, including, *inter alia*, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, into forms appropriate to the needs of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Compile and synthesize scientific, technical and socio-economic information on the global situation on climate change, provided by, *inter alia*, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as on the latest developments in science, to the extent possible, and assess the implications thereof for the implementation of the Convention; and formulate requests to competent international scientific and technical bodies,

Recalling also that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice held an exchange of views on the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change during its second and third sessions (FCCC/SBSTA/1996/8 and FCCC/SBSTA/1996/13), and the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Notes* that the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change needs to be considered as a whole;
2. *Considers* the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to be the most comprehensive and authoritative assessment now available of the scientific and technical information regarding global climate change;
3. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, particularly its Chairman and all its authors and scientists, for their excellent work in drawing up the Second Assessment Report;

4. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to undertake the work programme requested in support of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate;

5. *Urges* continuing cooperation between the Convention bodies and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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19 July 1996*