

## OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 The Delegation of Argentina was concerned that a number of important background documents were not distributed prior to the meeting. This prevented national scientists discussing the papers and providing their comments to the delegation participating at the meeting.

12.2 It was decided that the Secretariat should distribute to Members all background papers which were submitted prior to the imposed deadline in advance of the meeting.

12.3 Dr G. Duhamel (EEC) noted that a number of background papers were received after the imposed deadline. Some of them were still being distributed and would not be discussed at the meeting. It was acknowledged that two of these papers were prepared during the meeting following specific requests of working groups or as the result of current discussions. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to enforce the deadlines for submission of documents for future meetings.

12.4 Given current initiatives aimed at assessing the impact of global change (e.g. the International Geosphere Biosphere Programs, IGBP), Mr D. Miller (South Africa) proposed a future agenda item for the Scientific Committee. This would be aimed at keeping the Scientific Committee and Commission informed on developments in the monitoring of global change. The attention of the Committee was drawn to current initiatives being undertaken by the United States which are addressing the problem of ozone layer depletion.

12.5 The Scientific Committee felt it was necessary to maintain awareness of these developments and their possible effects on the environment but decided that it would be inappropriate to consider this under a separate agenda item.

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

13.1 The Report of the Seventh Meeting of the Scientific Committee was reviewed and adopted.

## CLOSE OF THE MEETING

14.1 The Chairman thanked Members and other participants, in particular the Conveners of Working Groups, rapporteurs and the Secretariat for their co-operation and support. He also extended his thanks to the interpreters and translators, and closed the meeting.