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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) relating to the technical review process for greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories of Annex I Parties.
2. The SBI agreed on the preliminary elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session (COP 5) (see annex).
3. The SBI decided to consider draft guidelines for technical reviews of GHG inventories at its eleventh session. It requested the secretariat to prepare draft guidelines for technical reviews on the basis of document FCCC/SBSTA/1999/3 and the conclusions of the SBSTA at its tenth session.
4. The SBI invited Parties to submit their views on the draft guidelines to the secretariat by 1 October 1999.
5. The SBI requested the secretariat to develop a work plan for the technical review process, including operational arrangements, for the period 2000 to 2002, for consideration at the eleventh session of the SBI.

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to include in the draft work plan for technical reviews of GHG inventories different approaches for individual reviews, including sending inventory material to experts, expert meetings in a single location and in-country visits of experts, or combinations of each, in order to assess these approaches.

7. The SBI noted that the secretariat would assess its capacity to carry out the activities requested in these conclusions and in the attached elements of a draft decision in the light of available resources and the programme budget for 2000-2001 to be recommended by the SBI for approval by COP 5, and would report back on this matter to the SBI at its eleventh session.

Annex

**PRELIMINARY ELEMENTS OF A DRAFT DECISION ON A TECHNICAL REVIEW
PROCESS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES OF ANNEX I PARTIES**

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the guidelines for the technical review process related to greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I Parties contained in annex I to this decision;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct annual initial checks and prepare annual synthesis and assessment reports of greenhouse gas inventories for all Annex I Parties beginning in 2000, according to the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review process;
3. *Decides* to initiate individual reviews of inventories coordinated by the secretariat for a limited number of Annex I Parties during the period 2000 to 2002, according to the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review process;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to coordinate the inventory reviews in accordance with the operational arrangements identified in the work plan contained in annex II to this decision;¹
5. *Requests* the subsidiary bodies to evaluate, after 2002, the experience gained with the review process conducted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above, with a view to adopting revised guidelines and/or operational arrangements for the technical review of inventories;
6. *Invites* Annex I Parties which are in a position to do so, to subject their inventories to an individual technical review in the period 2000 to 2002;
7. *Decides* to initiate individual reviews of inventories for all Annex I Parties in 2003;
8. *Invites* Parties to nominate inventory experts with expertise in relevant sectors by 15 April 2000.

¹ See paragraph 5 of the SBI conclusions on this matter.