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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

GUIDELINES UNDER ARTICLES 5, 7 AND 8 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The SBSTA took note of the information on terms of service for lead reviewers and training of experts, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.18.
2. The SBSTA decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session:
 - (a) A draft decision relating to reporting and review of information on assigned amounts and national registries, and to the expedited procedure for the review for reinstatement of eligibility to use mechanisms (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.15/Add.1);
 - (b) A draft decision relating to terms of service for lead reviewers (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.15/Add.2).
3. The SBSTA decided to consider, at its eighteenth session, criteria for selecting lead reviewers who will participate in expert review teams, using as input the list of criteria contained in the annex to these conclusions. It also decided to consider at the same session criteria for the lead reviewers of the teams that will review information on assigned amounts and national registries, taking into account the provisions of the technical standards for national registries.
4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a pilot training course on the review of greenhouse gas inventories, using traditional and e-learning methods. In selecting experts for the pilot training course, the secretariat should:
 - (a) Give priority to experts who have not yet participated in review activities during the trial period established in accordance with decision 6/CP.5;
 - (b) Consider the experts' involvement in the area of inventory estimation and inventory systems.
5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the experience gained during the pilot training course and, based on this experience, to prepare a proposal, including potential financial

implications, for the development of a training programme necessary to ensure the competence of experts participating in review teams. This proposal should also include options to provide specialized training for lead reviewers. The SBSTA decided to consider the report and the training proposal at its eighteenth session.

6. The SBSTA decided to consider also at its eighteenth session ways to ensure and improve the competence, professionalism and performance of experts and lead reviewers participating in expert review teams and, inter alia, ways for these experts to manage potential conflicts in performing their tasks.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to undertake the case studies for simulating the calculation of adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, described in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.19. The results of these case studies should be published by 15 February 2003 and be used as input to the second workshop on adjustment to be organized in 2003, subject to the availability of resources. The SBSTA recalled its conclusions at its sixteenth session, in which it:

(a) Invited Parties to submit their views on the draft technical guidance, taking into account the results of the case studies, by 15 March 2003 (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 24 (h));

(b) Decided to consider at its eighteenth session the results of the workshop with the aim of completing the technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 24 (k)).

8. The SBSTA took note of the information contained in the submissions of Parties on the treatment of confidential information provided during the review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.16) and decided to defer consideration of this matter to its eighteenth session. It requested the secretariat to prepare a paper, including experiences with current review activities and a draft code of practice on the treatment of confidential information, for consideration at its eighteenth session.

9. The SBSTA took note of the report on the intersessional consultations on registries, relating to general design requirements for the technical standards for data exchange between national registries, the clean development mechanism registry and the transaction log, and to possible future work to elaborate functional and technical specifications of these requirements (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.20).

10. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.15/Add.3) on this subject for adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

Annex**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF LEAD REVIEWERS**

1. Experts selected as lead reviewers shall:

(a) Have extensive experience in the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories (of emissions by sources and removals by sinks) and/or the management of national institutional arrangements for greenhouse gas inventory preparation;

(b) Have previously participated in at least two different review activities, including one in-country review;¹

(c) Have a strong general understanding of the overall process for the development and compilation of the entire inventory and, preferably, strong technical expertise in at least one of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sectors;

(d) Have successfully completed an examination to demonstrate proficiency in the guidelines developed under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and procedures for reporting and review of inventories and assigned amount information, specifically:

(i) The guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention;

(ii) The guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories;

(e) Methodologies and technical guidance related to the preparation and review of inventories:

(i) The *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and the *IPCC Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*;

(ii) The technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol;

(iii) Other relevant technical guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;

(f) Have sufficient fluency in English to communicate with other members of the team and Party representatives;

(g) Undergo any specific training recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, such as training on review procedures, handling of confidential information, and conflict management and resolution.

¹ These review activities could have been conducted under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol.

2. Other desirable criteria for lead reviewers include:

(a) An understanding of the modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, including the requirements for national registries, and the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems under the Kyoto Protocol;

(b) A technical understanding of the operation and testing of national registries and their exchange of data with other registries and the transaction log;

(c) A working knowledge of other United Nations official languages.

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