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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

**REVIEW OF METHODOLOGICAL WORK UNDER THE CONVENTION
AND THE KYOTO PROTOCOL**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of information provided in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12 on methodological activities under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.
2. The SBSTA noted that numerous activities relating to the development of guidelines for reporting information, including national communications, and to the dissemination of information on methods, guidelines, modalities and rules, have been initiated and implemented under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.
3. The SBSTA concluded that the future implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the future elaboration of the climate change process in pursuing the ultimate objective of the Convention, would benefit from further consideration of ongoing methodological work and from the development of a strategic long-term approach to future methodological work.
4. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit, by 15 February 2003, their views on needs for specific methodological activities and on a more strategic approach to future methodological work, for example, what methodological work should be done, how should it be done, who should undertake the work and what are the priorities. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation of submissions, and a synthesis based on submissions by Parties and document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12, in order to initiate discussions on elements of a possible work programme for consideration by the SBSTA at its eighteenth session.
5. The SBSTA invited Parties to focus submissions on, inter alia, the topics listed in the section III of document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12.

6. The SBSTA invited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to revise the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, taking into consideration the relevant work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol,¹ and to aim to complete the work by early 2006.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to provide information on the methodologies and data used by Parties to estimate greenhouse gas emissions and removals by sinks, taking into account results of the trial period of annual inventory reviews (decision 6/CP.5), to support, inter alia, the work referred in paragraph 6 above, with the aim of preparing a report for consideration at its nineteenth session.

8. The SBSTA decided to continue consideration of this item at its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions.

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¹ The work includes, inter alia, work by the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, and by the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and the technical review of GHG inventories of Annex I Parties.