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**ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONVENTION**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the documents prepared for the session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/11, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/12 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.21) and of the oral report of the secretariat on this agenda item.
2. The SBSTA reaffirmed its conclusion from its fifteenth session, as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/8, paragraph 45 (f), that regional workshops could be a means of further developing and implementing the SBSTA work programme on Article 6, and that such workshops could advance the work on assessing needs, identifying priorities, sharing experience and exchanging information on related activities. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the offer of the Government of Belgium to host a European regional workshop in 2003. The SBSTA also invited Annex I Parties to consider funding and organizing regional workshops for non-Annex I Parties, particularly developing country Parties, in cooperation with relevant host countries.
3. With regard to the designation of a Climate Change Day, the SBSTA concluded that Parties might wish to organize climate change awareness days as possible elements of their national programmes for implementing the Convention, taking into account their national priorities and capacities.
4. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to continue to explore with other United Nations bodies the possibility of incorporating climate change as an area of focus in one of the 41 theme days already observed annually within the United Nations system, such as the World Environment Day, the World Meteorological Day, the International Day for Biological Diversity, or the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to provide, on a regular basis, information on identified opportunities and to seek views from these organizations on the effectiveness of those days in raising awareness on climate change issues. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to report back when such information is available, and invited Parties with relevant national experience to report on such experiences in their national communications.
5. The SBSTA took note of the interest shown by United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in contributing to the implementation of the Article 6 work programme. It welcomed the presentations by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the Regional and International Networking Group (RING) alliance, and

the efforts being made by these and other organizations in this regard, and encouraged them to continue supporting the Article 6 work programme. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to pursue cooperation with those organizations and to develop other similar partnerships and work with other conventions, including through the Joint Liaison Group.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a report on possible options for increasing the participation of youth and other groups in meetings of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at a future session.

7. The SBSTA requested the SBI to consider its previous conclusion relating to the guidelines for national communications from Annex I Parties as they relate to Article 6 (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 55 (h)). The SBSTA also reiterated its call to the secretariat for a report on a clearing house on Article 6, for consideration at its eighteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/8, para. 45 (d)), and noted that the clearing house should contain information on existing resources that could facilitate the implementation of the work programme.

8. [The SBSTA requested the SBI to consider the possible budgetary or financial implications of the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and its work programme, and to urge the Global Environment Facility (GEF), in accordance with decisions 11/CP.1 and 6/CP.7, and other bilateral and multilateral agencies to make financial resources available for that purpose, in accordance with the draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.23/Add.1.]

9. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue its work on Article 6 of the Convention, subject to the availability of supplementary funding in the current biennium. The SBSTA recalled its previous conclusions and invited Parties, particularly those included in Annex I to the Convention, to contribute generously for that purpose (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 55 (j)).

10. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on a work programme on Article 6, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session (for the text of this decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.23/Add.1).

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