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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION ON LAND USE, LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the progress made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on developing good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF). The SBSTA recalled decision 11/CP.7, paragraph 4, and noted the possible inclusion of methods to estimate the change in carbon stored in harvested wood products as an annex or appendix to the IPCC report on good practice guidance for LULUCF. The SBSTA invited the IPCC:

(a) To submit the report for consideration by the SBSTA at its nineteenth session for possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session;

(b) To organize a side-event on good practice guidance for LULUCF during the nineteenth session of the SBSTA.

2. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the IPCC, draft common reporting formats for LULUCF for consideration at its nineteenth session. The proposal should be based, inter alia, on the work of the IPCC on good practice guidance for LULUCF and experience gained by Parties through using the common reporting format for the land-use change and forestry (LUCF) sector.

3. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the progress made by the IPCC on developing definitions for direct human-induced “degradation” of forest and “devegetation” of other vegetation types, and methodological options to inventory and report on emissions resulting from these activities.

4. The SBSTA also took note of the information provided by the IPCC on development of practicable methodologies to factor out direct human-induced changes in carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks from those due to indirect human-induced and natural effects, and effects due to past practices in forests. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to report progress on this task at the nineteenth session of the SBSTA, including plans by the IPCC for a review process. The SBSTA recalled decision 11/CP.7 and invited the IPCC to submit a report on this matter for consideration at its twenty-first session.

5. The SBSTA took note of views submitted by Parties on the implications of accounting of harvested wood products, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.1 and Add.1. The SBSTA decided to continue consideration of issues relating to harvested wood products at its nineteenth and subsequent sessions.

6. The SBSTA took note of information provided by the secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), and encouraged the secretariat to cooperate further with the CPF on issues relating to LULUCF.

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