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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.10 and Add.1, containing submissions from Parties on priorities for actions arising from *The Second Report on the Adequacy of the Global Observing Systems for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC* (second adequacy report)¹ and the related Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) steering committee report² to the SBSTA at its eighteenth session.
2. The SBSTA also took note of the synthesis of the above-mentioned submissions prepared by the GCOS secretariat and contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.12.
3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize, at the twentieth session of the SBSTA, a side event, similar to that held at the seventeenth session of the SBSTA, on ongoing and planned research initiatives to address the research recommendations of the Third Assessment Report (TAR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It requested the secretariat to invite active participation of representatives of the IPCC and international research programmes and bodies, such as the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), the International Geosphere–Biosphere Programme (IGBP) and the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP).
4. Recalling the conclusions of its seventeenth session, the SBSTA invited the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) in considering funding options, including its guidance to the financial mechanism of the Convention, to give appropriate consideration to addressing the priority needs identified in the regional action plans in relation to global observing systems for climate.
5. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on this subject (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.17/Add.1) for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session.

¹ Available as report no. GCOS-82 at <http://www.wmo.ch/web/gcos/gcoshome.html>

² “Report to SBSTA 18 from the GCOS steering committee regarding the Second Report on the Adequacy of the Global Observing Systems for Climate”, available at <http://www.wmo.ch/web/gcos/gcoshome.html>