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ISSUES RELATING TO REGISTRY SYSTEMS
UNDER ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPH 4, OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the report on the development of the data exchange standards and the transaction log, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/13, and the report on the intersessional consultations on registry systems held in Milan, Italy on 28–29 November 2003, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.13.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the progress made by the secretariat on the development of the functional and technical specifications of the technical standards for data exchange between national registries, the clean development mechanism registry and the transaction log. It expressed its appreciation for the contributions made by Parties to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities, which had allowed this work to go ahead.
3. The SBSTA stressed the need for the secretariat to focus attention henceforth on the development of the transaction log and requested the secretariat to continue pursuing means to reduce the funding requirements associated with the development of the transaction log, in particular by sharing specifications and software.
4. The SBSTA urged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to make exceptional efforts to contribute to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to allow the necessary work on the development of the transaction log to start at the beginning of 2004 and be completed before the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with decision 24/CP.8.
5. The SBSTA encouraged each Party included in Annex I to the Convention with a commitment inscribed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol, that has not already designated its registry administrator to maintain its national registry, to do so as soon as possible, with a view to facilitating early cooperation on the development of registries and the transaction log. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to consider possible ways of facilitating ongoing cooperation between administrators of registries and of the transaction log, and provide a progress report on its work on registry systems to the SBSTA at its twentieth session.
