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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), at its nineteenth session, took note of the views of Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.9 and Add.1. The SBSTA also took note of information provided in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.8 which contains a synthesis of proposals by Parties.
2. The SBSTA took note of the information provided in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9 which reported on the availability, accessibility and comparability of existing sources of emission data and relevant socio-economic data, including options for the development, hosting and management of a data interface, including cost implications.
3. The SBSTA reaffirmed the importance of reliable information relevant to climate change and recognized that the secretariat's Greenhouse Gas Information System is the authoritative repository of greenhouse gas (GHG) data reported by Parties to the Convention. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue its efforts to improve access to GHG data and other relevant information on the secretariat's web site and through other means.
4. The SBSTA noted the need to improve access by Parties to existing data and analytical tools, with a view to, inter alia, assisting Parties to build their capacity for analysis and decision-making and to implement their commitments under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. The SBSTA recognized that the development of a data interface could be an important approach to meeting these needs.
5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to initiate a scoping phase for consideration of a data interface and to facilitate this by providing links on its web site to the sources of data referenced in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 30 July 2004, their views on a possible data interface and other issues raised in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to provide a synthesis of the views of Parties on options for development of a data interface, as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9. The SBSTA decided to continue consideration of this issue at its twenty-first session.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to organize a workshop in the second half of 2004 on emissions projections of Annex I Parties, as a contribution to their fourth national communications. The workshop would cover methods, assumptions, indicators, key parameters of models and sensitivity analysis, and dissemination of methodologies. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 May 2004, their views on the workshop. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the workshop for its consideration at its twenty-first session.

7. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 30 September 2004, information on national systems under Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol for the preparation of national GHG inventories. It requested the secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to organize a workshop in the first half of 2005 on this topic. It requested the secretariat to compile information on national systems for the preparation of national GHG inventories included in national inventory reports and inventory review reports as an input to this workshop, as part of its consideration of Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.
