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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

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Further views on elements of a possible future work programme

Submissions from Parties

Addendum

1. In addition to the eight submissions included in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.9, one further submission has been received.
2. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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PAPER FROM SAUDI ARABIA

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KYOTO PROTOCOL

SAUDI ARABIA ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK
PROGRAMME

Saudi Arabia welcomes the opportunity to submit further views on elements of a possible future work programme as been invited by the SBSTA at its eighteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.8). We would like to draw the secretariat attention that this submission should be regarded as an addition to what is already been submitted and documented on FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.3. We are committed to take part in and advance the discussion on this issue at the SBSTA at its nineteenth sessions. Since methodological work underlies the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, this future work programme will contribute to pursuing the implementation of the Convention if carried out in a comprehensive manner. To this end, we would like to submit the following two additional elements:

FIRST ELEMENT:

Possible elements for development of methodologies

The Conference of the Parties adopted decision 5/CP.7 which requires the improvement of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties on activities related to the impact of response measures.

Possible elements relating to collection and dissemination of information

Improvement of availability of data to evaluate progress of Parties.

How future work should be done

Future work should be done in a way that Parties, relevant organizations and practitioners could submit their views to the secretariat for compilation to be considered by SBSTA for the development of the guidelines.

Who should undertake the work

It should be done by Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations.

Time frame

By SBSTA 20

SECOND ELEMENT:

Possible elements for development of methodologies

The Conference of the Parties adopted decision 5/CP.7 which requires the improvement of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties on activities related to the impact of response measures.

Possible elements relating to collection and dissemination of information

Improvement of availability of data to evaluate progress of Parties.

How future work should be done

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