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Cooperation with relevant international organizations

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
on agenda item 9**

Cooperation with other Conventions

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation statements made by representatives of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the secretariat of the Ramsar Convention. The SBSTA also took note of a written statement from the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It noted the report prepared by the UNCCD secretariat on the “Workshop on forests and forest ecosystems: Promoting synergy in the implementation of the three Rio Conventions” which was organized by the secretariats of the UNCCD and the CBD, in cooperation with the UNFCCC secretariat, and held in Viterbo, Italy, from 5 to 7 April 2004. The SBSTA, recalling its conclusion at its sixteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 50 (e)), noted the important contribution that the Ramsar Convention secretariat can make to the work of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) and encouraged its continued involvement.
2. The SBSTA also noted the report of the fifth meeting of the JLG (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.9), including its plan to prepare a paper on options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio Conventions, and requested the secretariat to present this paper, as soon as it is available, for consideration by the SBSTA. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to continue to exchange information with the secretariats of the CBD and the UNCCD, via the JLG, and to improve inter-accessibility of available data, including through improving web-based access, within existing resources.
3. In response to the specific invitation to the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC from the COP of the CBD at its seventh session contained in decision VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change, the SBSTA decided to recommend a draft conclusion on this matter (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/L.3/Add.1), for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.

Cooperation with scientific organizations and United Nations bodies

4. The SBSTA noted with appreciation statements made on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) on their activities relating to climate change and the relevance of the work of these organizations to the UNFCCC. It also took note of the oral report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on its activities and urged the secretariat and the IPCC to cooperate fully to ensure that Parties are kept well informed.

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