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**Draft conclusions proposed by the co-chairs of the contact group
on agenda item 3 (e)**

Addendum

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for
Scientific and Technological Advice**

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), at its twentieth session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session.

Draft decision -/CP.10

**Issues relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Parties
included in Annex I to the Convention and the implementation of Article 8 of
the Kyoto Protocol**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 12, paragraph 9, of the Convention and decisions 23/CP.7, 19/CP.8, 12/CP.9 and 21/CP.9,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Requests* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) whose inventories contain information that is designated as confidential to provide this information during centralized and in-country reviews, at the request of an expert review team, in accordance with the code of practice for the treatment of confidential information adopted by decision 12/CP.9;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate timely access by expert review teams to information during these reviews, in accordance with the code of practice for the treatment of confidential information adopted by decision 12/CP.9;

3. *Decides* that an Annex I Party may, at its discretion and in cooperation with the secretariat, make confidential inventory information available to expert review teams during those periods in which experts are neither present in the country under review nor at the offices of the secretariat, through appropriate procedures, provided that these procedures do not entail additional financial costs for the secretariat. A Party's decision not to submit confidential information in those periods does not constitute an inconsistency with the reporting requirements relating to Annex I Parties' greenhouse gas inventories;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to avoid the organization of further desk reviews for those Annex I Parties where it is known that the expert review team could not access confidential information requested during a desk review, and instead subject those Parties to centralized or in-country reviews, to the extent that resources permit;

5. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session adopt draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol*) below.

Draft decision -/CMP.1

Issues relating to the implementation of Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling decisions 23/CP.7, in particular paragraph 9 of the annex to draft -/CMP (Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol) attached to that decision, 12/CP.9 and 21/CP.9,

Having considered decision -/CP.10,

1. *Decides* that the content of the paragraphs 1 to 4 of decision -/CP.10 relating to access to confidential information by inventory expert review teams for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), shall apply and be given full effect for the reviews of inventories under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
2. *Decides* that the expert review team shall note in the review report the relevant information requested by the expert review team, that was designated as confidential by the Annex I Party, to which it did not have access;
3. *Decides* that, as an exception to paragraph 10 of the technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments annexed to decision -/CMP.1 (*Technical guidance on methodologies for adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol*) attached to decision 20/CP.9, an expert review team may recommend, on the basis of review of inventory information of an Annex I Party that is designated as confidential by this Party, the retroactive application of an adjustment for the relevant years of the commitment period, for which a review team was not given opportunities to access the confidential information in question, as noted in previous review reports;
4. *Decides* that, with respect to any adjustments applied retroactively in accordance with paragraph 3 above, only the adjustment applied for the current inventory year under review shall be relevant for the eligibility requirements laid out in paragraph 3 (e) of draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol*) attached to decision 22/CP.7;
5. *Decides* that, for the inventory submitted for the final year of the commitment period, all Annex I Parties shall be subject to in-country or centralized reviews.
