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Issues relating to registry systems

under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
on agenda item 3 (f)**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the progress report on work relating to registry systems contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/4.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the progress made by the secretariat, in collaboration with technical experts, on the specifications of the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems called for by decision 24/CP.8. It stressed the need to ensure, by its next session, that version 1.0 of these specifications is in accordance with the general design requirements of the data exchange standards recommended by decision 24/CP.8 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP).
3. The SBSTA reaffirmed the importance of making progress on the development of the independent transaction log (ITL), in accordance with priorities set by the SBSTA at its nineteenth session. It noted that the ITL is currently expected to be established in mid-2005, subject to the timely availability of funding and the extent of modification required to be made to the program code provided as an in-kind contribution to the secretariat.
4. The SBSTA stressed the need to ensure effective, long-term cooperation among administrators of national registries, the clean development mechanism (CDM) registry, the ITL and any supplementary transaction logs established by Parties, for the purpose of facilitating and promoting accuracy, efficiency and transparency in the operation of registry systems. It noted that the cooperation referred to in decision 24/CP.8 may include the elaboration and implementation of procedures in relation to the management of change in the specifications of the data exchange standards, the coordination of reconciliation and testing among registry systems, the resolution of problems, and the suspension of registry services in the event of persistent technical problems.

5. The SBSTA agreed to prepare a draft decision at its twenty-first session, with a view to the COP at its tenth session taking a decision on, inter alia, the structure of cooperation among administrators, the facilitation of such cooperation by the ITL administrator, and the manner of reporting to the appropriate subsidiary body on activities undertaken.

6. The SBSTA requested its Chair, in conducting the intersessional consultations with Parties and experts in accordance with decision 19/CP.7, to consider the following aspects, and report to the SBSTA at its twenty-first session on progress:

- (a) Ensuring that version 1.0 of the specifications of the data exchange standards is in accordance with the general design requirements of the data exchange standards recommended by decision 24/CP.8 for adoption by the COP/MOP;
- (b) Facilitating dialogue among administrators, and developers of national registries identified by Parties, prior to the tenth session of the COP;
- (c) Preparing proposals, for the consideration of the SBSTA at its twenty-first session, on the structure and procedures for cooperation among administrators in the long term, including in relation to the scope, activities, reporting and funding of such cooperation and the possible role of the cooperation in contributing to the review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
- (d) Exchanging information and experience relating to the establishment and operation of registry systems.

7. The SBSTA encouraged each Party included in Annex I to the Convention, with a commitment inscribed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol, to inform the secretariat which organization is designated as its registry administrator to maintain the national registry of that Party, with a view to facilitating early cooperation among administrators.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on progress made with the development and establishment of the ITL and make proposals on operational issues, including reporting, guidance and resource implications, for the consideration of the SBSTA at its twenty-first session.

9. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the pledges made by Annex II Parties for the development of the data exchange standards and the ITL, and the contributions to the UNFCCC Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities made to date. However, the SBSTA noted that considerably more funds need to be received in order to carry out the activities required for the full development and establishment of the ITL, the facilitation of cooperation among administrators of registry systems and other required activities, such as the intersessional consultations.

10. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-first session and in accordance with decision 16/CP.9, documentation on any administrative and budgetary implications which would result from the adoption of a decision in relation to registry systems. The SBSTA noted in particular that no financial provision had been made in the core budget 2004–2005 to hold the intersessional consultations mentioned in paragraph 6 above and that those conclusions can only be implemented subject to the availability of supplementary funds.
