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Methodological issues

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Report on national greenhouse gas inventory data from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention for the period 1990–2002

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation that, since the beginning of the implementation of decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5, there has been substantial and steady improvement in the timeliness and quality of submissions of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, including national inventory reports, by most Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties). It noted further that the 2004 GHG inventory submissions were more complete than previous submissions in terms of explanations supporting the reported GHG estimates and of the number of years for which estimates were provided.
2. The SBSTA urged Annex I Parties to continue to improve their reporting, responding to individual review reports, and to provide, by 15 April of each year, full common reporting tables from the base year and a national inventory report, taking also into account the provisions of decisions 3/CP.5, 18/CP.8 and 13/CP.9.
3. The SBSTA noted the additional benefits in terms of capacity-building provided to inventory experts from Annex I Parties and from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention who participate in review training and in the Annex I Party GHG inventory review process.

Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

4. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the development of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.
5. The SBSTA concluded that no further action is required on documents FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.2, FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.3, FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.4 and FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.7 and Corr.1.

Data interface

6. The SBSTA noted that the secretariat, responding to the request from the SBSTA at its nineteenth session,¹ provided links on the UNFCCC web site² to those external sources of emissions and socio-economic data that were listed in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9. It requested the secretariat to continue to maintain these links.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to improve access to and update regularly UNFCCC GHG inventory information through the UNFCCC web site and on CD-ROM. It requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop a simple and user-friendly interface available on the UNFCCC web site and on CD-ROM to assist Parties to search and sort the available UNFCCC GHG inventory data. In this regard, the SBSTA:

- (a) Requested the secretariat to develop a prototype interface in 2005, using the most recent aggregated and disaggregated UNFCCC GHG inventory information submitted up to the end of 2004, and present it during the second sessional period of the Convention bodies scheduled for 2005 (November 2005);
- (b) Invited Parties to provide, by 1 March 2006, views on their experiences using the prototype interface; on possible improvements, including the extent of its scope and coverage; and on next steps in progressing the work on the interface.

8. The SBSTA agreed to continue to consider the further development of the interface during the first sessional period of the Convention bodies scheduled for 2006 (May 2006), with a view to giving the secretariat further guidance on this issue.

¹ See FCCC/SBSTA/2003/15, paragraph 14 (e).

² <http://unfccc.int/methods_and_science/other_methodological_issues/items/3170.php>.