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**Agenda item 5 (a)**

**Methodological issues**

**Good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF)  
activities under the Kyoto Protocol, harvested wood products and other issues  
relating to LULUCF**

**Good practice guidance and other issues relating to land use, land-use change  
and forestry**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

*Good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry*

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.16 on issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) projects under Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol.
2. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on good practice guidance for LULUCF activities under Article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/L.26/Add.1), including a draft decision to be forwarded to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) at its first session, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its tenth session.
3. In accordance with decision 16/CP.9, the SBSTA noted that there are costs associated with the implementation of the draft decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and that the implementation of this task is subject to the availability of supplementary funds.

*Harvested wood products*

4. The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.11 containing the report of the workshop on harvested wood products held in Lillehammer, Norway, from 30 August to 1 September 2004. It expressed its appreciation to the Government of Norway for hosting the workshop, and to the Governments of Canada, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland for their financial support to the workshop.

5. The SBSTA took note of the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) relating to the development of methods to estimate, measure and report on harvested wood products in the context of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and of the intent of the IPCC to develop, for the purpose of compiling greenhouse gas inventories under the UNFCCC, methods that are neutral in relation to potential accounting approaches for harvested wood products. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to report, on a regular basis, on progress made on this matter.

6. The SBSTA noted the need to further analyse the socio-economic and environmental implications, impacts on forest carbon stocks and emissions in Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, impacts on sustainable forest management and biomass use, impacts in countries that import and export wood, and impacts on trade, of reporting greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the production, use and disposal of harvested wood products, including those arising from the application of the accounting approaches discussed at the workshop. The SBSTA decided to continue the consideration of this issue at its twenty-third session (November 2005).

7. The SBSTA invited Annex I Parties that have not done so to provide available data and information on changes in carbon stocks and emissions of greenhouse gases from harvested wood products, in a transparent manner, to the secretariat by 1 August 2005. It also invited Annex I Parties to submit, by 1 August 2005, updated data and information on harvested wood products and on experiences with the use of the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and the *IPCC Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry* to generate such data and information.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile these submissions, and the information on harvested wood products contained in previous submissions from Parties specifically on harvested wood products, and in national greenhouse gas inventory reports, for its consideration at its twenty-third session.

*Other land use, land-use change and forestry issues*

9. The SBSTA did not finish its consideration of the items referred to in paragraph 24 (h)–(k) in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/15. It agreed to continue the consideration of these items at a future session.

10. In response to a mandate by the COP at its seventh session, the SBSTA discussed the possible application of biome-specific forest definitions for the second and subsequent commitment periods. It noted that a decision on this subject is not needed at this stage and decided to consider the matter at a future session.

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