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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) for 2004 prepared by the Chair of the EGTT (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.17) and endorsed the proposed work programme of the EGTT for 2005 as contained in the annex to that document. It expressed its appreciation to Ms. Margaret Martin (Canada), the Chair of the EGTT, and Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago), the Vice-Chair, for their valuable contributions in leading the EGTT to successfully implement its work programme for 2004. It welcomed the election of Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh as Chair and Mr. Bernard Mazijn (Belgium) as Vice-Chair of the EGTT for 2005. It welcomed the experts nominated by Parties to serve on the EGTT for 2005–2006, as listed in the annex to these conclusions.
2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the assistance provided by Parties, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other relevant international organizations, as well as the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI) and the private sector, for the successful implementation of the EGTT work programme for 2004. It encouraged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention (Annex II Parties) and these organizations to continue to support the EGTT in implementing its work programme for 2005.
3. The SBSTA also noted with appreciation the organization of the event on issues relating to enabling environments for technology transfer organized by business and industry non-governmental organizations in collaboration with the EGTT and the secretariat as encouraged by the SBSTA at its eighteenth and twentieth sessions. This event took place on 13 December 2004 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

4. The SBSTA welcomed the report prepared by the secretariat on the outcomes of the workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies, held from 27 to 29 September 2004 in Montreal, Canada (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/11). It acknowledged that the workshop provided a useful forum for broadening understanding on the role and interests of governments and the private sector and on the opportunities provided by conventional as well as innovative financial approaches with regard to the development and transfer of technologies within and outside the Convention process. It also noted that the EGTT will continue its work in this area, as indicated in its work programme for 2005.

5. The SBSTA further noted with appreciation the support provided by the Government of Canada in hosting the above-mentioned workshop, and the financial support provided by the Governments of Finland and the United States of America, the European Commission and the CTI.

6. The SBSTA welcomed the handbook on *Conducting Technology Needs Assessments for Climate Change* prepared by UNDP in cooperation with the CTI. It encouraged Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) undertaking technology needs assessments to use this handbook in assessing their technology needs, as appropriate. It also encouraged UNDP, UNEP and the CTI to continue their training and technical assistance efforts to assist non-Annex I Parties conducting technology needs assessments.

7. The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/10 prepared by the secretariat containing information on resource implications of maintaining and further developing the UNFCCC technology information clearing house (TT:CLEAR) and acknowledged the useful contribution made by TT:CLEAR in assisting Parties to gain access to relevant technology information. In view of the importance of this activity, it concluded that funds for maintaining and improving TT:CLEAR in a manner consistent with the TT:CLEAR survey outcomes and the recommendations of the EGTT (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.17) would need to be provided on a more secure and continuous basis.

8. The SBSTA requested the EGTT to continue to consider issues relating to diffusion and transfer of advanced, cleaner, and more efficient, affordable and cost-effective energy technologies, including fossil fuels and renewable energy technologies, taking into account the outcomes of the technology needs assessments.

9. The SBSTA requested the EGTT to take into consideration elements for meaningful public and/or private partnerships to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 for the development and transfer of technologies under the Convention, when preparing the terms of reference for the practitioner's guide indicated in its work programme for 2005.

10. The SBSTA also requested the EGTT to consider for possible inclusion in its work programme for 2006:

- (a) To continue to address issues relating to development of endogenous technologies;
- (b) To continue to define and better understand the issues surrounding the transfer of publicly owned technologies and those in the public domain, taking into account the informal paper the EGTT will prepare on the subject;
- (c) To continue to address ways and means to enhance the capabilities of clean technology centres in developing countries.

11. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to availability of resources:
 - (a) To continue to provide assistance to the EGTT in the implementation of its work programme for 2005 as described in the annex to document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.17;
 - (b) To prepare a synthesis report based on the preliminary analysis of the available technology needs assessments that would be compiled by UNDP as foreseen in the EGTT work programme for 2005, and on the technology needs identified by non-Annex I Parties in their national communications, and make it available for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006);
 - (c) To organize a special meeting of the EGTT in conjunction with the seminar on the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation to climate change, to be held at the end of June 2005, as mandated by the SBSTA at its twentieth session;
 - (d) To prepare a technical paper on applications of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation to climate change for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session, based on the outcomes of the seminar on development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to be held in 2005 and on the terms of reference for the technical paper to be prepared at the eighth meeting of the EGTT.
12. The SBSTA noted that, in accordance with decision 16/CP.9, the Executive Secretary provided Parties with an indication of the administrative and budgetary implications of these conclusions. The SBSTA noted that no financial provisions have been made in the 2004–2005 core budget to maintain and improve TT:CLEAR (paragraph 7 above), to hold a special meeting of the EGTT (paragraph 11 (c) above), to conduct the seminar on the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation (EGTT work programme for 2005), or to organize the workshop on solutions to reach financial closure on proposals drawn from technology needs assessments (EGTT work programme for 2005), and that these conclusions can be implemented only if supplementary funds are available.
13. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on this subject (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/L.28/Add.1) for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session.

Annex

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