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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1.   The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the information contained in the report on the intersessional consultations on registry systems in relation to the checks to be performed by the international transaction log (ITL) and their conformity with the relevant provisions of decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP) (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.4).

2.   The SBSTA commended the work of the secretariat in identifying the checks to be performed by the ITL, as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.3, and noted that no specific issues have been raised regarding the conformity of any of the individual ITL checks with relevant decisions of the COP. The SBSTA therefore considered that the checks contained in the document provide a good foundation on which to continue the development of the ITL and that, bearing in mind provisions in decision 16/CP.10, the correct functioning of the ITL will be confirmed by rigorous testing throughout the development of the ITL and will be demonstrated to Parties.

3.   Given the technical complexity of the checks to be performed by the ITL, the SBSTA encouraged Parties to make full use of document FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.3, and to provide requests for clarification and comments to the secretariat as necessary, as a means to prepare for their consideration of the report to be provided by the ITL administrator to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session, in accordance with decision 16/CP.10, including in relation to the coordinated change management of the data exchange standards.

4.   The SBSTA welcomed the information provided by the secretariat that recent contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities allow the secretariat, in its function as the administrator of the ITL, to proceed with the development of the ITL and the facilitation of cooperation among registry system administrators.

5.   The SBSTA noted that the secretariat currently expects the ITL to be ready for the initialization of communications by other registry systems in the third quarter of 2006, subject to the assessment of development work contributed by Parties on an in-kind basis, the specific tasks and timelines proposed by technical developers, and the sufficiency of the available supplementary funding noted above. It

recognized that this indicative schedule may be revised in the context of more detailed planning once a technical developer has been selected for the ITL.

6.   The SBSTA further noted that the ITL administrator will, in accordance with decision 16/CP.10, prepare common operational procedures, including those relating to the testing and initialization of communications by registry systems with the ITL.

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