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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), recalling decision 6/CP.10, paragraph 2, agreed on terms of reference to guide the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) in preparing recommendations for enhancing the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention. These terms of reference are contained in the annex to these conclusions.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the report by the Chair of the EGTT on the group's seventh meeting,¹ held on 12–13 May 2005 in Bonn, Germany. The SBSTA noted the progress on the implementation of various activities included in the work programme of the EGTT for 2005 and encouraged the EGTT to continue its good work.
3. The SBSTA also welcomed the progress made by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on its preliminary analysis of the results of technology needs assessments and its plan to collaborate with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on this work, with a view to presenting the outcome of this work for consideration by the EGTT at its eighth meeting (November 2005). The SBSTA acknowledged the continuing support of the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI) and also encouraged the CTI to collaborate further with UNEP and UNDP on preliminary analysis of the results of technology needs assessments.
4. The SBSTA noted the oral report by the secretariat on progress of the pilot project on networking between the UNFCCC technology information clearing house (TT:CLEAR) and national and regional technology information centres. It considered this work to be a constructive step forward in linking external resources to TT:CLEAR, noting that the greater reliance on other established portals will facilitate work by the secretariat while providing an enriched set of information and services.
5. The SBSTA also noted that the follow-up workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies, planned for October 2005, will bring together developed and developing country representatives and members of the financial community to assess the quality of

¹ The report of the Chair of the EGTT, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, is available at <http://ttclear.unfccc.int/ttclear/html/EgMeetings.html>.

selected project proposals identified during the technology needs assessment process. The workshop will also contribute to providing guidance, as necessary, to project proponents, as another practical step in the implementation of the results of technology needs assessments. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on the outcome of the workshop at its twenty-third session (December 2005).

6. The SBSTA noted that the EGTT, at its seventh meeting, had a constructive discussion of an informal paper prepared by the group to enable it to define and better understand the issues surrounding publicly owned technologies and those in the public domain.² It also noted that the EGTT will explore this issue further at its eighth meeting and will consider, for possible inclusion in its work programme for 2006, continuing to define and better understand the issues surrounding the transfer of publicly owned technologies and those in the public domain. The SBSTA invited the EGTT to be cognisant of the provision in decision 4/CP.4, paragraph 7 (b), on this issue.

7. The SBSTA noted that the EGTT will consider, at its eighth meeting, the outcomes of the seminar on technologies for adaptation to climate change, to be held on 14–16 June 2005 in Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago. The SBSTA also noted that the secretariat will prepare a report on this seminar for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-third session.

8. The SBSTA recognized the importance of engaging the private sector in meaningful and effective technology transfer. It encouraged Parties to take practical actions to engage the private sector. It also welcomed the EGTT's continued engagement of the private sector in its activities.

9. The SBSTA further noted the already heavy workload of the EGTT and the secretariat in implementing the remaining activities planned for 2005 and activities proposed for 2006. It also noted with appreciation the financial support and pledges provided by the Governments of Canada, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, by the European Commission, and by the Climate Technology Initiative for the implementation of the EGTT work programme for 2005. It invited Parties in a position to do so to provide financial support to enable the EGTT to complete its programme of work for 2005.

10. The SBSTA noted its conclusions at its twenty-first session³ and encouraged 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 fuel and renewable energy technologies, taking into account the outcomes of the technology needs assessments.

11. The SBSTA invited all Parties in a position to do so to provide to the secretariat, for posting on TT:CLEAR, information relating to opportunities for joint research and development programmes/projects relevant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

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³ FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13, paragraph 87.

Annex

Terms of reference for the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for preparing recommendations for enhancing implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention

Background and mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 6/CP.10, requested the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) to make recommendations for enhancing implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) (May 2006). The outcome of this work would provide inputs to the review of this expert group by the COP at its twelfth session (November 2006) in accordance with decision 4/CP.7.
2. The framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention identified a set of technology transfer activities under the five key themes contained in the annex to decision 4/CP.7: technology needs and needs assessments, technology information, enabling environments, capacity-building, and mechanisms for technology transfer.

Tasks

3. The EGTT is requested:
 - (a) To review the progress made and effectiveness in the implementation of activities identified under each key theme of the framework;
 - (b) To identify gaps and barriers and suggest ways and means to better facilitate and advance the implementation of the framework;
 - (c) To identify practical actions to enhance innovative public and/or private partnerships and cooperation with the private sector, and consider concrete steps that governments, business and academia can take to enable effective participation by the private sector;
 - (d) To consider ways to enhance cooperation with relevant conventions and intergovernmental processes;
 - (e) To consider possible medium- and long-term strategies for enhancing the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, including issues associated with the medium- and long-term planning of the work of the EGTT;
 - (f) To consider ways to promote collaborative research and development on technologies for mitigation and adaptation between Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (g) To recommend possible revision of the key themes in the existing framework based on the outcomes detailed above.

Organization of the work

4. The EGTT shall include this activity in its work programme for 2005 and 2006, with a view to providing its recommendations in a report for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006). The secretariat shall facilitate the work of the expert group on this matter.
