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Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change

Views on the organization of the in-session workshop on mitigation

Submissions from Parties

Addendum

1. In addition to the 10 submissions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2005/MISC.2 and Add.1, one further submission has been received (on 8 February 2005). This submission was inadvertently omitted from the above-mentioned documents.
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SUBMISSION FROM CHINA

Views on the in-session workshop under agenda item of scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation

The SBSTA at its 21st session agreed to continue to hold an in-session workshop on this agenda item during its twenty-second session (May 2005) in Bonn and requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to organize this workshop in order to continue to exchange information and share experiences and views on practical opportunities and solutions for mitigation that contribute to sustainable development, focusing on the following topics:

- (a) Factors that affect mitigation technology innovation, deployment and diffusion, including international cooperative efforts, and identification and removal of barriers;
- (b) Socio-economic aspects of mitigation, such as costs and benefits, co-benefits, poverty reduction and economic impacts, including spillover effects.

China commends the Secretariat for the organization of this workshop and welcomes the opportunity to submit the following views on the above-mentioned workshop:

Organization of the workshop

We request the Secretariat to transmit the submissions of the Parties on the workshop to the presenters so as to guide them in the preparations of their presentations and to exactly address the concerns of the Parties.

Presentations of the workshop

Establishment of a mechanism on international technological cooperation

In the last two in-session workshops, many presenters stressed on the importance of technology in mitigating greenhouse gases. Now it is the consensus of the international community that technology plays a vital role in this regard. The presenters are requested to explore the main points on the establishment of an international cooperation mechanism on mitigation technology innovation, deployment, diffusion and transfer.

Identification and removal of barriers

As indicated by the presenters of the previous in-session workshops, there exist many barriers in international technological cooperation. The presenters are requested to identify the barriers that affect international cooperation on mitigation technology innovation, deployment, diffusion and transfer and to provide suggestions on the removal of these barriers.

Socio-economic aspects of mitigation

Socio-economic aspects of mitigation are very important aspects of mitigation. So far, the last two in-session workshops have mainly concentrated on the scientific and technological aspects of mitigation, but not much on socio-economic aspects. We urge the presenters of future in-session workshops to study in detail the socio-economic aspects of mitigation so as to give the Parties a clearer picture on mitigation costs, benefits and co-benefits, economic impacts of mitigation and contribution of mitigation to poverty reduction, etc. In considering the above-mentioned aspects of mitigation, the achievement of sustainable development should be always born in mind since sustainable development is the ultimate goal of socio-economic development of the human society. No sustainable development, no mitigation measures can achieve the goal!
