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Agenda item 6

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) initiated consideration of the information in the submissions from Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/MISC.5 and Add.1, and in the submissions by accredited observers posted on the UNFCCC website. Parties, in their submissions, noted the need to address reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries as part of mitigation efforts to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention.
2. The SBSTA decided to continue consideration of relevant scientific, technical and methodological issues and the exchange of relevant information and experiences, including policy approaches and positive incentives, at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006), taking into account the outcome of the workshop¹ requested by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session and the submissions from Parties referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The SBSTA decided that the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 should provide an opportunity for Parties to share experiences and consider relevant aspects relating to reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries. Specific topics to be discussed in the workshop will include:
 - (a) Scientific, socio-economic, technical, and methodological issues, including the role of forests, in particular tropical forests, in the global carbon cycle; definitional issues, including those relating to links between deforestation and degradation; data availability and quality; scale; rates and drivers of deforestation; estimation of changes in carbon stocks and forest cover; and related uncertainties;
 - (b) Policy approaches and positive incentives to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries, including causes; short- and long-term effectiveness with respect to emission reductions; the displacement of emissions; bilateral and multilateral cooperation; activities of other relevant international bodies; enhancing sustainable

¹ The workshop will be held from 30 August to 1 September 2006 in Rome, Italy.

forest management; capacity-building; and financial mechanisms and other alternatives – basing discussions on experiences and lessons learned;

- (c) Identification of possible links between relevant scientific, socio-economic, technical and methodological issues and policy approaches and positive incentives that may arise from the consideration of the topics in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.

4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to ensure that representatives from relevant intergovernmental organizations are invited to the workshop. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to invite to the workshop representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, and relevant experts.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare for the workshop a background paper on the items contained in paragraph 3 (a) and (b), with a synthesis of relevant information in national communications and the submissions referred to in paragraph 1.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to plan for a second workshop on matters relating to this agenda item, to be held before its twenty-sixth session (May 2007), subject to the availability of supplementary funding, and pending conclusions by the SBSTA at its twenty-fifth session.
