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Agenda item 7 (a) and 7 (b)

Methodological issues under the Convention

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories

Harvested wood products

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines for national
greenhouse gas inventories, and issues relating to harvested wood products**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recalled that, at its seventeenth session, it invited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to revise the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* by early 2006 (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/13, para. 14 (f)).
2. The SBSTA welcomed the timely work of the IPCC in preparing the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (2006 IPCC Guidelines), which were accepted by the IPCC at its twenty-fifth session in Mauritius on 27 April 2006.
3. The SBSTA recognized that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines were made available at SBSTA 24 as requested, and that Parties will need additional time to analyse them.
4. The SBSTA, noting paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, decided to continue consideration of this matter at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007).

Reporting issues

5. The SBSTA considered the following issues brought forward from its twenty-third session (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/10):
 - (a) The way in which emissions and removals, currently covered in the Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry and Agriculture sectors, should be presented in national totals;
 - (b) Inventory issues associated with biomass burning and natural disturbances as they relate to reporting under the Convention;

- (c) The implications on reporting of the conversion to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of methane, carbon monoxide and non-methane volatile organic compounds emitted in association with carbon stock changes.

6. The SBSTA decided that these issues would be discussed at SBSTA 26 in the context of the consideration of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, as referred to in paragraph 4 above.

Harvested wood products

7. The SBSTA invited Parties in a position to do so to voluntarily report on harvested wood products in their national inventories in a manner consistent with current UNFCCC reporting guidelines.

8. The SBSTA decided to discuss reporting of harvested wood products at its twenty-sixth session in the context of its consideration of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

9. The SBSTA recognized that there are other issues associated with harvested wood products that need to be considered by the SBSTA at its twenty-sixth session.

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