

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE Twenty-fifth session Nairobi, 6–14 November 2006

Agenda item 8 (b) Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol Issues relating to greenhouse gas inventories

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-fifth session, decided to recommend the following draft conclusions for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its second session:

Draft conclusions on issues relating to greenhouse gas inventories

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) noted that, in accordance with decision 22/CMP.1, the annual review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol should start in the year following the submission of the initial report for those Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that started reporting information under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol on a voluntary basis earlier than required under Article 7, paragraph 3.

2. The COP/MOP noted with concern the high volume of review work in 2007 related to the ongoing reviews of the national communications, the simultaneous reviews of 2006 greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory submissions and the initial reports under the Kyoto Protocol, and the forthcoming reviews of the 2007 GHG inventory submissions and of information reported under Article 7, paragraph 1, on a voluntary basis. This places considerable pressure on, and demand for, resources from Parties, review experts and the secretariat. The COP/MOP noted the need for flexibility in the timing of the review activities for Parties reporting the information under Article 7, paragraph 1, on a voluntary basis, due to the review requirements for the initial reports for 2007 and possibly 2008.

3. The COP/MOP requested the secretariat to continue to exercise a certain degree of flexibility with regard to the timing of the review in organizing review activities, in accordance with decisions 22/CMP.1 and 26/CMP.1, for Parties that in 2007 report information under Article 7, paragraph 1, on a voluntary basis.

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