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**SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

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**Item 13 of the provisional agenda**

**Other matters**

## **Views on an interface to greenhouse gas inventory data**

### **Submissions from Parties**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-first session, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 March 2006, their views on their experiences using a prototype data interface; on possible improvements, including the extent of its scope and coverage; and on next steps in progressing the work on the interface (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13, para. 58). It agreed to continue to consider the further development of the interface, with a view to giving the secretariat further guidance on this issue.
2. The secretariat has received one such submission. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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SUBMISSION FROM AUSTRALIA

**Submission by Australia to the UNFCCC**

**15 March 2006**

**Views on the progress of the Secretariat in implementing the data interface**

At its twenty-first session, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA), invited Parties to submit views with respect to the data interface (document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13 paragraph 58(b)).

Australia regards reliable, comprehensive and relevant data as essential to informing the development and implementation of effective climate change policy.

At its twenty-first session, the SBSTA requested the Secretariat to undertake specific work to improve access to UNFCCC greenhouse gas inventory information through a data interface (document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13 paragraph 58). Australia understands there has been delays in progressing the work, as a result of the need to update the Secretariat's inventory database. While Australia is sympathetic in this regard, Australia provided the requisite financial resources (April 2005) to construct the data interface and awaits the achievement of this item.

Australia notes that the invitation to submit views on the data interface was not included on the notification to Parties of deadlines for submissions, provided to Parties on 17 January 2006, presumably because the data interface is not yet online. Australia requests the Secretariat, however, to provide Parties with an update on progress made in implementing the data interface and an indication of when Parties will be able to consider next steps.

Australia thanks the secretariat for its work to provide and maintain links on the UNFCCC web site to those external data sources of emissions and socio-economic data that were listed in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.9, as requested by the SBSTA in paragraph 57 of document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13. Australia has found the links provided to be very useful both in locating data when needed and in improving the ease of use and transparency of the data and requests that these links be given greater prominence on the UNFCCC website.

Australia looks forward to the timely realisation of the data interface.

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