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Reporting and review of information submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on activities relating to the review of initial reports submitted in accordance with decision 13/CMP.¹
2. The SBI acknowledged the commendable effort made by Parties and experts, supported by the secretariat, that made it possible to conduct 36 reviews of the initial reports in 2007 in conjunction with the reviews of the 2006 greenhouse gas inventory submissions under the Convention and to publish the corresponding reports under established deadlines. However, it noted that the review process needs further strengthening, in particular through the participation of an increased number of well-trained review experts and more support from the secretariat, to continue with the review procedures established by the “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol”.
3. The SBI noted the importance of the training programme under the Kyoto Protocol. The SBI requested the secretariat to update and complement the training programme, in particular in relation to the review of activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, the review of national registries and the review of information on assigned amounts, in particular the standard electronic format tables. The SBI encouraged Parties in a position to do so to provide the necessary funding for these activities.
4. The SBI also noted the need for consistent implementation of the technical guidance on adjustments in the reviews of inventory submissions under the Kyoto Protocol. The SBI requested the lead reviewers to consider this issue at their next meeting.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2007/INF.10.

5. The SBI acknowledged that, in accordance with decision 22/CMP.1, Parties included in Annex I to the Convention may start reporting on a voluntary basis information under Article 7, paragraph 1, with the inventory submission due under the Convention from the year following the submission of the initial report, and that this information shall be reviewed in accordance with the “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol”.

6. The SBI noted with concern the high volume of work in 2008 related to the reviews of the national communications, the rescheduled reviews of 2007 inventory submissions and the forthcoming reviews of 2008 inventory submissions, including the annual review of supplementary information submitted in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 1, on a voluntary basis. This will place considerable pressure on, and demand for resources from, the Parties, review experts and the secretariat.

7. The SBI also noted that, in accordance with the conclusions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its second session,² there is a need for flexibility in the timing of review activities for the 2007 inventory submissions and that the review of the 2007 inventory submissions should be conducted in conjunction with the review of the 2008 inventory submissions, with a focus on the most recent submissions. The SBI requested the lead reviewers to consider this issue at their next meeting and to make recommendations on how to implement this flexibility.

8. The SBI further noted specific issues for expert review teams conducting reviews of inventories under the Kyoto Protocol, including the deadlines established under Article 8, the amount of information to review, the correction of problems identified during the reviews and the calculation of any adjustments during the review. It acknowledged the need for a continued assessment of these issues in future, with a view to identifying options to manage these issues. The SBI reiterated the need for continued analysis of the effectiveness of the review process under Article 8 in implementing decisions 12/CP.9 and 22/CMP.1.

² See document FCCC/KP/CMP/2006/10, paragraph 102.