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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the statement made by the representative of the Host Government of the secretariat reiterating that the construction of the new premises for the secretariat in Bonn, Germany, is scheduled to be completed in two stages: the first stage by the end of 2011 and the second stage, which will include the construction of an additional building, in 2014.
2. The SBI was informed by the representative of the Host Government of delays in the completion of the work on the new conference facilities at the UN Campus in Bonn, which are expected to accommodate more participants than the facilities currently used by the secretariat for conferences in Bonn. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the opening of the conference facilities has been postponed. The SBI urged the Government to ensure that the new conference facilities are completed as soon as possible in view of the challenges faced at the current facilities because of the growing number of participants.
3. The SBI took note of the statement by the Executive Secretary, in which he expressed his satisfaction with many aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement and informed the SBI about some areas of concern. In particular, the SBI was informed by the Executive Secretary that adequate premises could not be made available for the growing secretariat to be accommodated under one roof. The new premises at the UN Campus is expected to be ready by the end of 2011. The secretariat will, therefore, be divided over two separate office sites for an estimated period of a year and a half. The SBI was also informed that the new premises to be made available in 2011 would not be able to accommodate the current level of staff, which may result in the secretariat continuing to operate in two locations. A second building is planned to be available in 2014.

4. The SBI invited the Host Government and the Executive Secretary to report to it at its thirty-fourth session on progress made on this and other aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
