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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report on the workshop on technology needs assessments (TNAs) held on 1 and 2 June 2011 in Bonn, Germany.¹
2. The SBSTA noted that the workshop provided opportunities for Parties:
 - (a) To share good practices in, and lessons learned from, conducting TNAs with Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) To identify specific needs and practical actions that could assist Parties in implementing the results of their TNAs, particularly actions that will facilitate and realize the actual transfer of technology to meet the priority needs of developing countries;
 - (c) To discuss the possible roles of TNAs in the context of the further implementation of the technology transfer framework² and in the enhancement of technology development and transfer activities under the Convention to support action on mitigation and adaptation;
 - (d) To identify means for implementing the results of TNAs while ensuring a balance between mitigation and adaptation activities.
3. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to use the workshop results to consider ways to strengthen the role of TNAs in enhancing action on the development and transfer of technology, notably in the context of the Technology Mechanism.
4. The SBSTA welcomed the experiences gained and lessons learned from the TNA process and encouraged Parties to take these into account in the preparation of their nationally appropriate mitigation actions, national adaptation plans, low-carbon development strategies and technology road maps or action plans.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.10.

² The framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention was adopted by decision 4/CP.7 and enhanced by decision 3/CP.13.

5. The SBSTA noted the information provided orally by the Climate Technology Initiative and at the workshop on TNAs on the role of the Climate Technology Initiative's Private Financing Advisory Network in helping clean energy project developers to access private capital and encourages other multilateral initiatives to promote the financing of projects, and to inform the SBSTA about such activities.
6. The SBSTA recalled the conclusion at its thirty-third session that requested the secretariat to organize two training workshops, in Spanish and French, subject to the availability of resources, on preparing technology transfer projects for financing and to report on progress in the implementation of a pilot online training course on the same matter.
7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in collaboration with interested organizations, to organize workshops, subject to the availability of resources, on TNAs in 2012 aimed at building capacities and sharing experiences, lessons learned, information and knowledge on opportunities and means for developing countries to prepare their TNAs and access funding for their implementation.
8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare an updated TNA synthesis report, including 'second'-generation TNAs through the updated *Handbook for Conducting Technology Needs Assessments for Climate Change*³ and the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer, to be presented at its thirty-seventh session.
9. Pursuant to decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 126, the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation considered the report on activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee for 2011⁴ and agreed to recommend elements for a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session. These elements for the draft decision are contained in the annex.

³ United Nations Development Programme. 2009. Handbook for Conducting Technology Needs Assessments for Climate Change. Available at <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/pdf/TNAHandbook_9-15-2009.pdf>.

⁴ FCCC/SB/2011/2.

Annex

Elements for a draft decision on development and transfer of technologies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9,

Also recalling that the Technology Executive Committee shall report, on an interim basis, to the Conference of the Parties, through the subsidiary bodies, on its activities and the performance of its functions,

1. *Welcomes* the elected members of the Technology Executive Committee¹ and the election of Mr. Gabriel Blanco (Argentina) as Chair and Mr. Antonio Pflüger (Germany) as Vice-Chair of the Technology Executive Committee for 2012 and acknowledges that Mr. Blanco and Mr. Pflüger acted as Co-Chairs of the first meeting of the Technology Executive Committee in 2011;
2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the report of the Technology Executive Committee on its activities and performance for 2011,² including on the outcomes of the group's first meeting, and the timely delivery of its report on modalities and procedures,³ for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session, as requested by decision 1/CP.16;
3. *Acknowledges* the late nomination of the members of the Technology Executive Committee for 2011 and agrees, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, that the term of office of the members of the Technology Executive Committee currently in office will end immediately before the first meeting of the Technology Executive Committee in 2014 for those members serving for a term of two years and immediately before the first meeting of the Technology Executive Committee in 2015 for those members serving for a term of three years, as recommended by the Technology Executive Committee at its first meeting;⁴
4. *Also acknowledges* that the Technology Executive Committee expects to develop its rolling workplan for 2012–2013 during its next meeting, in February 2012, and requests that it make such workplan available in its report to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation⁵ at their thirty-sixth sessions;
5. *Encourages* Parties and relevant organizations in a position to do so to supplement the financial resources made available through the UNFCCC core budget for the implementation of the activities of the Technology Executive Committee.

¹ FCCC/SB/2011/2, annex.

² FCCC/SB/2011/2.

³ FCCC/CP/2011/8.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2011/8, paragraph 13.

⁵ In accordance with decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 126.