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## **Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

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Agenda item 3(a) and (b)

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#### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the status of submission and review of fifth national communications contained in document FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.6.
2. The SBI acknowledged the considerable improvement in the timeliness of the submission of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties). Sixteen Annex I Parties submitted their fifth national communications before the due date in accordance with decision 10/CP.13, 24 submitted after that date and one Party has yet to submit its fifth national communication.
3. The SBI urged Annex I Parties to submit their national communications by the relevant due date in the future.
4. The SBI noted that as at 30 April 2012 the secretariat had coordinated in-depth reviews of all the national communications submitted.
5. The SBI welcomed the compilation and synthesis of the fifth national communications from Annex I Parties prepared by the secretariat and took note thereof.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.1 and Add.1 and 2.

6. The SBI noted that Annex I Parties, as reported in their fifth national communications, are continuing to make progress in implementing their commitments under the Convention and calls on Annex I Parties to continue to intensify their efforts aimed at meeting their commitments under the Convention. The coverage of their respective domestic activities and the provision of the essential information on the implementation of the Convention at the international level have improved in the fifth national communications when compared with the preceding national communications. Despite these improvements, some reporting issues and problems remain, and the usefulness of the reported information could be enhanced by addressing these matters. Such issues include the need for reporting on the following: all elements (not only mandatory elements) of the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications” (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC reporting guidelines, Part II),<sup>2</sup> emission scenarios and estimates of the impact of policies and measures; and financial assistance and technology transfer, using approaches that are fully consistent with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines, Part II.

7. The SBI called on Annex I Parties to enhance further, where appropriate, the completeness, comparability and level of detail of the reported information in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines, Part II.

8. The SBI noted that over the period 1990–2008 the total aggregate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions excluding emissions/removals from land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) for all Annex I Parties decreased by 6.0 per cent, and the total GHG emissions/removals including LULUCF decreased by 10.7 per cent. For Annex I Parties with economies in transition, GHG emissions excluding and including LULUCF decreased by 36.7 per cent and 49.7 per cent, respectively. For Annex I Parties that do not have economies in transition, GHG emissions excluding and including LULUCF increased by 8.0 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively.

9. The SBI decided to recommend a draft decision on the status of submission and review of fifth national communications from Annex I Parties and the compilation and synthesis of fifth national communications from Annex I Parties for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session (for the text of the decision, see FCCC/SBI/2012/L.16/Add.1).

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/CP/1999/7.