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Elements for a possible draft decision on modalities for national forest monitoring systems and measuring, reporting and verifying

# I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

- 1. The thirty-seventh session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, Qatar, from 26 November to 2 December 2012.
- 2. The Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Richard Muyungi (United Republic of Tanzania), opened the session on Monday, 26 November, and welcomed all Parties and observers. He also welcomed Mr. Narcis Jeler (Romania) as Vice-Chair of the SBSTA and Mr. Collin Beck (Solomon Islands) as Rapporteur.

## II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

#### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(a))

- 3. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 26 November, the SBSTA considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3).
- 4. At the same meeting, the agenda was adopted as follows:
  - 1. Opening of the session.
  - 2. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
    - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
  - 3. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
  - 4. Report of the Adaptation Committee.
  - Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.
  - 6. Development and transfer of technologies and report of the Technology Executive Committee.
  - 7. Research and systematic observation.
  - 8. Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures.
  - 9. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.
  - 10. Issues relating to agriculture.
  - 11. Methodological issues under the Convention:
    - (a) Work programme on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties";

- (b) Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties;
- (c) General guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties;
- (d) Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport;
- (e) Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
- 12. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol:
  - (a) Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities;
  - (b) Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism;
  - (c) Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
  - (d) Implications of the establishment of new hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 (HCFC-22) facilities seeking to obtain certified emission reductions for the destruction of hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23);
  - (e) Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol;
  - (f) Report on the implementation of domestic action by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in their national communications.
- 13. Other matters.
- 14. Report on the session.
- 5. Also at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, statements were made by representatives of nine Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), one on behalf of the African States, one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), one on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and Croatia, one on behalf of the least developed countries (LDCs) and one on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations. Statements were also made on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trade unions NGOs and the constituency of farmers.

## B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(b))

6. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, at which the Chair drew attention to the proposed programme of work posted on the UNFCCC website. On a

proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA agreed to proceed on the basis of that programme of work.

7. The Chair also informed delegates that the secretariat, together with the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) secretariat, was adopting the United Nations PaperSmart services for the session, with pre-session and in-session official documentation issued digitally in the six official United Nations languages. Statements made during the session can also be retrieved through the ISPS portal.<sup>1</sup>

# III. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

(Agenda item 3)

#### 1. Proceedings

- 8. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held on 1 December. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.5 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.6.
- 9. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would consult with Parties on this issue and present draft conclusions to the SBSTA at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>2</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 10. The SBSTA welcomed the following documents prepared for the session:
- (a) The report on the technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies;<sup>3</sup>
- (b) The report on the progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;<sup>4</sup>
  - (c) The compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning processes.<sup>5</sup>
- 11. The SBSTA expressed its gratitude to the Government of Mexico for hosting the technical workshop on water, climate change impacts and adaptation strategies in Mexico City, Mexico, from 18 to 20 July 2012.
- 12. It also expressed its appreciation to the European Union and the Governments of Austria, Canada, Ireland, Mexico and Spain for their contributions towards the implementation of activities under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
- 13. The SBSTA welcomed the engagement of, and contributions provided by, Nairobi work programme partner organizations.<sup>6</sup>
- 14. The SBSTA noted the development of new user-friendly knowledge products, including those facilitated by the secretariat and those contributed by Nairobi work

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.5.

<sup>1 &</sup>lt;a href="http://www3.unog.ch/dohaclimatechange/content/subsidiary-body-scientific-and-technological-advice-sbsta-37">http://www3.unog.ch/dohaclimatechange/content/subsidiary-body-scientific-and-technological-advice-sbsta-37</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.6.

As at 30 November 2012, there were 265 Nairobi work programme partner organizations, which had made 175 action pledges.

programme partner organizations,<sup>7</sup> and noted the challenges faced by developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in accessing such products.

- 15. It also noted a new database of Nairobi work programme partners and action pledges.8
- 16. The SBSTA recalled that the Conference of the Parties (COP), at its seventeenth session, requested the SBSTA to reconsider, at its thirty-eighth session, the work areas of the Nairobi work programme with a view to making recommendations to the COP at its nineteenth session on how best to support the objectives of the Nairobi work programme.
- 17. The SBSTA acknowledged the submissions from Parties and relevant organizations on potential future areas of work of the Nairobi work programme, <sup>10</sup> which will be considered at its thirty-eighth session in accordance with decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 3. <sup>11</sup>

# IV. Report of the Adaptation Committee

(Agenda item 4)

### **Proceedings**

- 18. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SB/2012/3. 12
- 19. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA invited Ms. Christina Chan (United States of America), Vice-Chair of the Adaptation Committee, to make a statement. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item together with Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) agenda item 8 in informal consultations facilitated by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago).
- 20. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA recommended a draft decision<sup>13</sup> for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session (for the text of the draft decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.22–FCCC/SBI/2012/L.33).
- V. Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (Agenda item 5)

#### 1. Proceedings

21. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. Statements were made by representatives of 11 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and one on behalf of seven Umbrella Group countries.

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Knowledge products generated under the Nairobi work programme are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/4628">http://unfccc.int/4628</a>>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Available at <a href="https://unfccc.int/nwp">https://unfccc.int/nwp>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 1.

Submitted in accordance with decision 6/CP.17, paragraph 2.

All submissions received from Parties and organizations are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/5900">http://unfccc.int/5900</a>.

A corrigendum to the Adaptation Committee report was issued (see document FCCC/SB/2013/3/Corr.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For the text as adopted, see decision 11/CP.18.

22. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda item in a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Peter Graham (Canada) and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines). At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions 14 proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 23. The SBSTA continued its consideration of methodological guidance relating to modalities for a national forest monitoring system as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71(c), and for measuring, reporting and verifying as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix II, paragraph (c).
- The SBSTA agreed to continue its work on methodological guidance relating to modalities for a national forest monitoring system as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71(c), and for measuring, reporting and verifying, as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix II, paragraph (c), on the basis of document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/5/Add.1, containing elements for a possible draft decision on these matters, with the aim of completing this work at its thirty-ninth session and preparing any recommendations for a draft decision on these matters for consideration and adoption by the COP at its nineteenth session.
- 25. The SBSTA agreed to resume, at its thirty-eighth session, its consideration of the request by the COP in decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 5 and 6, on the timing and the frequency of the presentations of the summary of information on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected and on the need for further guidance to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness in the presentation of the summary of information, with a view to concluding its consideration of this matter at its thirty-ninth session.
- 26. The SBSTA decided to continue its consideration of issues relating to drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, taking into account decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 72 and appendix II, paragraph (a), and the views of Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1 and Add.1 and those of admitted observer organizations.<sup>15</sup>
- 27. The SBSTA encouraged Parties, relevant international organizations and stakeholders to share information, via the web platform on the UNFCCC website, <sup>16</sup> on how developing countries are addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and on the experiences gained in addressing such drivers in the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

# VI. Development and transfer of technologies and report of the Technology Executive Committee

(Agenda item 6)

#### 1. Proceedings

- 28. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and at its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, held on 2 December. It had before it documents FCCC/SB/2012/2 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.7. A statement was made by a representative of one Party.
- 29. At the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA invited Mr. Gabriel Blanco (Argentina), Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), to make a statement. At the same

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.31.

Submissions from intergovernmental organizations are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/3714">http://unfccc.int/3714</a>. Submissions from NGOs are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/3689">http://unfccc.int/3689</a>.

<sup>16 &</sup>lt;a href="http://unfccc.int/redd/">http://unfccc.int/redd/">http://unfccc.int/redd/</a>.

meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item together with SBI agenda sub-item 13(a) in a joint contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Carlos Fuller (Belize) and Mr. Zitouni Ould-Dada (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

30. At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>17</sup> proposed by the Chair and as amended in plenary.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 31. The SBSTA welcomed the report on the experience-sharing workshop on technology needs assessments (TNAs), <sup>18</sup> which was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the secretariat, from 10 to 12 September 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 32. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to draw upon the outcomes of the experience-sharing workshop on TNAs and to build on them when preparing their nationally appropriate mitigation actions, national adaptation plans, low-emission development strategies and technology road maps and action plans.
- 33. Pursuant to decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 126, the SBSTA and the SBI considered the report on activities and performance of the TEC for 2012<sup>19</sup> and recommended the draft decision text contained in the annex to document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.32 for consideration and finalization by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>20</sup>

### VII. Research and systematic observation

(Agenda item 7)

#### 1. Proceedings

- 34. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.14, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.15 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.21. A statement was made by a representative of one Party. Statements were also made by representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS).
- 35. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda item in informal consultations, co-facilitated by Mr. Stefan Roesner (Germany) and Mr. Chris Moseki (South Africa). At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>21</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 36. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the statements delivered at its thirty-sixth session by representatives of WMO, the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and at its thirty-seventh session by representatives of WMO and CEOS.
- 37. The SBSTA welcomed the plan of the GCOS Steering Committee and secretariat to prepare, in broad consultation with relevant partners, by early 2015, a third report on the adequacy of the global observing systems for climate<sup>22</sup> and, by 2016, a new implementation

Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> For the text as adopted, see decision 13/CP.18.

Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.25 and Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> A report on the adequacy of the global climate observing systems was prepared in 1998, followed by

plan for the global observing system for climate, which would, inter alia, support the Convention.<sup>23</sup> The SBSTA invited the GCOS secretariat to provide the third adequacy report to the SBSTA in 2015 by its forty-third session, and the final implementation plan to the SBSTA in 2016 by its forty-fifth session. The SBSTA encouraged the GCOS secretariat to provide a draft of the new implementation plan to the SBSTA by its forty-third session in 2015.

- 38. The SBSTA noted that the GCOS secretariat would consider, inter alia, the findings of the Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC, in the development of the third adequacy report.
- 39. The SBSTA noted the importance of systematic observation for vulnerability assessments and adaptation, with a specific emphasis on developing countries. It encouraged Parties to contribute to the identification of emerging needs for systematic observation in the context of the Convention, in support of the activities mentioned in paragraph 37 above.
- 40. The SBSTA welcomed the activities undertaken by the GCOS secretariat to support efforts to address the needs for climate observations, including the preparation of an update of the Satellite Supplement<sup>24</sup> to the 2010 updated GCOS implementation plan.
- 41. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to CEOS for its update on progress made by space agencies providing global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Convention.<sup>25</sup> It noted the importance of continuing and sustaining satellite observations on a long-term basis, and the role of CEOS in promoting full and open data sharing, in order to support the work under the Convention. It invited CEOS to provide, by SBSTA 41, an updated report on progress made by space agencies providing global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Convention.
- 42. The SBSTA welcomed the regional initiatives of the GCOS secretariat<sup>26</sup> in supporting the development of and improvements to climate observation capacities. It invited the GCOS secretariat to further expand such initiatives and encouraged Parties in a position to do so to support these efforts.
- 43. The SBSTA took note of the report on progress in the development of methodologies, standards and protocols for climate-related terrestrial observations and related matters, which was provided by the GCOS secretariat on behalf of the Global Terrestrial Observing System.<sup>27</sup> The SBSTA highlighted the importance of such reports for its work.
- 44. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the GCOS sponsors<sup>28</sup> for the support provided by them to the GCOS programme for the past 20 years, and encouraged them to

a second such report in 2003; they are available at

<sup>&</sup>lt;a href="http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-48.pdf">http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-48.pdf</a> and

<sup>&</sup>lt;a href="http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-82\_2AR.pdf">http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-82\_2AR.pdf</a>.

For the summary of the GCOS *Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC*, prepared in 2004, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/MISC.16. For the summary of the 2010 update of the plan, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2010/MISC.9.

Full title of the Satellite Supplement: Systematic Observation Requirements for Satellite-based Data Products for Climate. This report provides supplemental details to the satellite-based component of the 2010 update of the GCOS implementation plan. The full report is available at <a href="http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-154.pdf">http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/gcos/Publications/gcos-154.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.14.

Recent regional initiatives of the GCOS secretariat have focused on Africa and South America, as indicated by the GCOS secretariat in its submission to the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> The sponsors of GCOS are the following: WMO, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

continue to provide such support. It welcomed the initiative of the GCOS sponsors to undertake a review of GCOS, and invited the sponsors, through WMO, to inform the SBSTA on the outcome of that review.

- 45. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information from WMO<sup>29</sup> on the outcome of the Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 to 31 October 2012, with respect to the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services.<sup>30</sup> It invited WMO to provide, at SBSTA 39, information on the outcome of the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services, to be held in July 2013. The SBSTA recommended draft conclusions<sup>31</sup> on this matter for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>32</sup>
- 46. The SBSTA recalled the conclusions of the SBI at its twenty-fourth session<sup>33</sup> and concluded that it would continue to focus its consideration on research during the first sessional period of a year and on systematic observation during the second sessional period of a year.
- 47. The SBSTA welcomed the continuation of the research dialogue during SBSTA 36. It expressed its appreciation to the representatives of regional and international research programmes and organizations active in climate change research, and to the IPCC, for their contributions to the dialogue. <sup>34</sup> It also expressed its appreciation to Parties for sharing their views on their research needs and priorities in the context of the dialogue. <sup>35</sup>
- 48. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on possible items for consideration as part of the research dialogue during SBSTA 38 and requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document.
- 49. The SBSTA noted the views submitted by Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.2 and Add.1 and 2.
- 50. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop, subject to the availability of financial resources, to be held by SBSTA 39, to consider information on the technical and scientific aspects of ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs not covered by other agenda items under the Convention, such as coastal marine ecosystems, in the context of wider mitigation and adaptation efforts.
- 51. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on the content of that workshop and requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document.
- 52. The SBSTA invited Parties and regional and international research programmes and organizations active in climate change research to provide information on the technical and scientific aspects of emissions by sources, removals by sinks, and reservoirs of all

of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Council for Science.

- <sup>29</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.21.
- <sup>30</sup> See <a href="http://www.wmo.int/pages/gfcs/index\_en.php">http://www.wmo.int/pages/gfcs/index\_en.php</a>.
- Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.25/Add.1.
- For the text as adopted, see FCCC/CP/2012/8, paragraph 55.
- <sup>33</sup> FCCC/SBI/2006/11, paragraph 109(a).
- This information was provided in the submissions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.3 and in the presentations given during the research dialogue. For information on research programmes and organizations that contributed to the research dialogue, see <a href="http://unfccc.int/6896.php">http://unfccc.int/6896.php</a>.
- This information was provided in the submissions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.2 and Add.1 and 2 and in the presentations given during the research dialogue, see <a href="http://unfccc.int/6896.php">http://unfccc.int/6896.php</a>>.

greenhouse gases (GHGs), including emissions and removals from terrestrial ecosystems such as steppe, savannah, tundra and peatlands, with a view to identifying and quantifying the impact of human activities. This information would be considered as a theme for the next research dialogue, also taking into account the submissions received in accordance with paragraph 48 above.

- 53. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraph 50 above.
- 54. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in paragraph 50 above be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

# VIII. Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures

(Agenda item 8)

#### 1. Proceedings

- 55. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SB/2012/MISC.2.
- 56. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this item jointly with agenda item 12 of the SBI in a joint SBI/SBSTA forum co-chaired by the Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Muyungi, and the Chair of the SBI, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow (Poland). It also agreed to consider, at this session, this item jointly with agenda item 9.
- 57. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>36</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 58. The SBSTA and the SBI noted with appreciation the meeting of the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and the presentations<sup>37</sup> and exchanges made during the in-forum workshops on areas (a)<sup>38</sup> and (h)<sup>39</sup> and the discussions on area (f)<sup>40</sup> of the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures (hereinafter referred to as the work programme).<sup>41</sup>
- 59. The SBSTA and the SBI requested their Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to prepare reports on the in-forum workshops on areas (a) and (h) and to prepare a summary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.23.

On area (a), presentations were made by representatives of Argentina on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, European Union, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), by representatives of the South Centre, World Health Organization and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and by an expert. Those presentations are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/7114">http://unfccc.int/7114</a>. On area (h), presentations were made by representatives of Argentina on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); a statement was made by a representative of Ghana on behalf of the African States. Presentations were also made by representatives of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Trade Union Confederation and OPEC and by an expert. Those presentations are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/7113">http://unfccc.int/7113</a>.

Sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Building collective and individual learning towards a transition to a low GHG emitting society.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Relevant aspects relating to the implementation of decisions 1/CP.10, 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16 and Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/15, annex I, and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, annex III.

of the discussion by Parties on area (f), before the thirty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary

- 60. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to consider the presentations, statements made by Parties, organizations and experts, reports and summary mentioned in paragraphs 58 and 59 above, together with the reports on the upcoming in-forum workshops on areas (b), (c), (d) and (g) of the work programme, at their thirty-ninth sessions during the review of the work of the forum, with a view to providing recommendations to the COP at its nineteenth session.
- 61. The SBSTA and the SBI confirmed their request to the secretariat to support, under the guidance of the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI, the continued work towards the implementation of the areas of the work programme in accordance with decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1.
- 62. The SBSTA and the SBI reiterated their invitation, to relevant organizations and other stakeholders, to participate in the activities of the work programme.

# IX. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 9)

#### **Proceedings**

- 63. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.
- 64. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider, at this session, this item jointly with agenda item 8 and agenda item 12 of the SBI in a joint SBI/SBSTA forum. At the same meeting, the SBSTA also agreed that the SBSTA Chair, Mr. Muyungi, and the SBI Chair, Mr. Chruszczow, would undertake consultations with interested Parties on how to take up this agenda item at the next session.
- 65. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted the conclusions<sup>42</sup> presented in paragraphs 58–62 above. At the same meeting, the SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-eighth session, consultations on how to take up this agenda item.

# X. Issues relating to agriculture

(Agenda item 10)

#### **Proceedings**

- 66. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. Statements were made by representatives of 15 Parties, including one on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and Croatia, and one on behalf of the LDCs. A statement was also made by a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- 67. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda item in a contact group, chaired by the Chair of the SBSTA. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, after several interventions by Parties, the SBSTA Chair ruled that there was no consensus among Parties to refer this matter to the COP for further consideration. The SBSTA Chair proposed and the meeting agreed that, in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the SBSTA would continue its consideration of this agenda item at its thirty-eighth session.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBI/2012/L.34.

The SBSTA Chair undertook to provide a factual report on this matter to the COP President.

### XI. Methodological issues under the Convention

(Agenda item 11)

# A. Work programme on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties"

(Agenda item 11(a))

#### 1. Proceedings

- 68. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.4, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.13 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.11 and Add.1–3. Statements were made by three Parties, including one on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and Croatia.
- 69. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Helen Plume (New Zealand) and Mr. Qiang Liu (China). At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>43</sup> proposed by the Chair as amended in the closing plenary, and agreed to forward this matter to the President of the COP for further guidance and finalization by the COP at its eighteenth session.<sup>44</sup>

#### 2. Conclusions

- 70. The SBSTA continued its consideration of the work programme on a common tabular format for electronic reporting of information in accordance with the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties" as contained in decision 2/CP.17, annex I (hereinafter referred to as the reporting guidelines), with a view to the COP adopting the format at its eighteenth session.
- 71. The considerations of the SBSTA were based on the views submitted by Parties, the synthesis report based on these submissions and the report on the workshop on a common tabular format for the reporting guidelines, held on 11 and 12 October 2012 in Bonn, Germany.

# B. Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties

(Agenda item 11(b))

#### 1. Proceedings

72. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.11, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.17 and Add.1 and FCCC/TP/2012/8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.33.

For the text as adopted, see decision 19/CP.18.

73. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Plume and Mr. Qiang Liu. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>45</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 74. The SBSTA continued its consideration of the work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties (hereinafter referred to as the review guidelines), in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 28.
- 75. The SBSTA took note of the information contained in the technical paper<sup>46</sup> prepared by the secretariat on the current review processes under the Convention and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews of national communications and annual GHG inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties).
- 76. The SBSTA also took note of:
- (a) The submissions from Parties on the elements of the work programme, the timeline of proposed activities and the key elements of the revision of the review guidelines;<sup>47</sup>
  - (b) The synthesis report on these submissions.<sup>48</sup>
- 77. The SBSTA agreed on the work programme on the revision of the review guidelines, as contained in annex I to this report, with specific timelines and activities for 2013 and 2014. However, the SBSTA noted that while the revision of review guidelines for national communications and biennial reports will be completed by COP 19, the revision of review guidelines for GHG inventories can only be completed by COP 20. Although the activities related to the revision of the review guidelines on national communications and biennial reports contained in the work programme are currently considered in conjunction, the SBSTA agreed that the work programme should ensure delineation between the review guidelines on biennial reports and review guidelines on national communications.
- 78. The SBSTA agreed that in their consideration of the activities under the work programme on the revision of the review guidelines, Parties should take into account the experience with the review of information submitted by Annex I Parties under the Convention, including the submissions from Parties, the synthesis reports on these submissions and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews of national communications and annual GHG inventories of Annex I Parties, and the need to have a cost-effective, efficient and practical review process that does not impose an excessive burden on Parties, experts or the secretariat.
- 79. The SBSTA requested the lead reviewers to discuss, at their meeting in 2013, options to improve the cost-effectiveness, efficiency and practicality of the review process, and requested the secretariat to make the outcome of their discussions available as inputs to discussions at SBSTA 38.
- 80. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize technical workshops in 2013 and 2014 as part of the work programme to advance the work and address the issues identified by Parties in their submissions referred to in paragraph 76(a) above and in paragraph 82 below. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to prepare workshop reports in order to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> FCCC/TP/2012/8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.17 and Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.11.

reflect the progress of the work on the revision of review guidelines and to provide inputs to discussions at SBSTA sessions. Additional workshops will be organized as necessary.

- 81. The SBSTA agreed that the first workshop will be held in the second half of 2013 to discuss the overall approach to the review process related to biennial reports, national communications and GHG inventories, as well as the revision of the review guidelines for biennial reports and national communications. The SBSTA further agreed to hold the second workshop in the first half of 2014 to continue discussions on the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories.
- 82. The SBSTA agreed that it will invite submissions from Parties and requested the secretariat to prepare synthesis reports on these submissions in accordance with the work programme.
- 83. The SBSTA also agreed that the work programme could be adjusted at subsequent sessions of the SBSTA and that there could be additional workshops before COP 20.
- 84. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraphs 80 and 82 above.
- 85. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

# C. General guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties

(Agenda item 11(c))

#### 1. Proceedings

- 86. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.
- 87. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Plume and Mr. Qiang Liu. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>49</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 88. The SBSTA took note of the exchange of views among Parties on the general guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties (hereinafter referred to as the guidelines).
- 89. The SBSTA agreed that the guidelines should be general, voluntary, pragmatic, non-prescriptive, non-intrusive and country driven, take into account national circumstances and national priorities, respect the diversity of nationally appropriate mitigation actions, build on existing domestic systems and capacities, recognize existing domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems and promote a cost-effective approach.
- 90. It invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 25 March 2013, their views on the guidelines.
- 91. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 90 above into a miscellaneous document, which will be used by the SBSTA to initiate the process of developing the guidelines at its thirty-eighth session.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.24.

92. The SBSTA agreed to continue the process of developing the guidelines at its thirtyninth session and to forward draft guidelines to the COP for adoption at its nineteenth session.

# D. Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport

(Agenda item 11(d))

#### 1. Proceedings

- 93. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.20. Statements were made by representatives of five Parties, including one speaking on behalf of a group of Parties. Statements were also made by representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- 94. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would consult with Parties on this issue and present draft conclusions to the SBSTA at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 95. The SBSTA took note of the information received from and progress reported by the secretariats of ICAO and IMO on their ongoing work on addressing emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport, and noted the views expressed by Parties on this information.
- 96. The SBSTA invited the secretariats of ICAO and IMO to continue to report, at future sessions of the SBSTA, on relevant work on this issue.

# E. Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 11(e))

#### **Proceedings**

- 97. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.10.
- 98. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA took note of the report.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.20.

### XII. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 12)

# A. Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities

(Agenda item 12(a))

### 1. Proceedings

- 99. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.12 and Add.1 and FCCC/TP/2012/9.
- 100. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Ulrika Raab (Sweden) and Mr. Abias Moma Huongo (Angola). At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>51</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 101. The SBSTA considered the eligibility under the clean development mechanism (CDM) of carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations (CCS) project activities which involve the transport of carbon dioxide from one country to another or which involve geological storage sites that are in more than one country (transboundary) and the establishment of a global reserve of certified emission reduction units for CCS project activities, pursuant to decision 10/CMP.7, paragraphs 4 and 5.
- 102. The SBSTA agreed to recommend to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) that the issue of eligibility of transboundary CCS project activities under the CDM and the establishment of a global reserve of certified emission reduction units for CCS project activities be considered by the SBSTA at its forty-fifth session.
- 103. The SBSTA also agreed that while transboundary CCS project activities would merit inclusion under the CDM, more practical experience of CCS project activities in the CDM would be beneficial.
- 104. The SBSTA recommended to the CMP that the elements contained in the annex of document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.21 be incorporated into its draft decision on further guidance relating to the CDM, to be recommended for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eighth session.<sup>52</sup>

# B. Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism

(Agenda item 12(b))

#### 1. Proceedings

105. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.16, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.18 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.19 and Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.21.

For the text as adopted, see decision 5/CMP.8.

106. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Peter Iversen (Denmark) and Mr. Marcelo Rocha (Brazil). At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>53</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 107. The SBSTA continued its consideration of issues related to land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF), following the requests contained in decision 2/CMP.7, paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 10.
- 108. The SBSTA took note of the views of Parties<sup>54</sup> and admitted observer organizations which were submitted following the invitations contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraphs 116–118, and are available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>55</sup>
- 109. The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-eighth session, its consideration of more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from LULUCF, including through a more inclusive activity-based approach or a land-based approach, with the view to reporting to the CMP at its ninth session on the outcomes of its consideration.
- 110. The SBSTA also agreed to continue, at its thirty-eighth session, its consideration of modalities and procedures for possible additional LULUCF activities under the CDM, and modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of non-permanence under the CDM, with a view to forwarding draft decisions on these matters to the CMP for consideration and adoption at its ninth session.
- 111. The SBSTA recalled its invitations<sup>56</sup> to Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat their views on issues related to LULUCF and encouraged them to continue submitting such views until 25 March 2013.
- 112. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile the views submitted by Parties into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-eighth session. It also requested the secretariat to make the views submitted by admitted observer organizations available on the UNFCCC website.
- C. Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 12(c))

#### 1. Proceedings

113. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.13 and FCCC/TP/2012/6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.30.

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.16, FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.18 and Add.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.19 and Add.1.

<sup>55</sup> The views of Parties are available at

<sup>&</sup>lt;a href="http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions\_from\_parties/items/5901.php">http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions\_from\_parties/items/5901.php</a>; the views of intergovernmental organizations are available at

<sup>&</sup>lt;a href="http://unfccc.int/parties\_observers/igo/submissions/items/3714.php">http://unfccc.int/parties\_observers/igo/submissions/items/3714.php</a>; and the views of NGOs are available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/parties">http://unfccc.int/parties</a> observers/igo/submissions/items/3689.php</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraphs 116–118.

114. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed to consider this agenda sub-item in a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Nagmeldin Elhassan (Sudan) and Ms. Anke Herold (Germany). At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>57</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 115. The SBSTA has advanced its work on assessing and addressing the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. The SBSTA agreed to invite the CMP at its eighth session to provide further guidance in order to resolve outstanding issues.
- 116. The SBSTA agreed to forward a draft decision<sup>58</sup> on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eighth session (for the text of the draft decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.29).
- D. Implications of the establishment of new hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 (HCFC-22) facilities seeking to obtain certified emission reductions for the destruction of hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23)

(Agenda item 12(d))

#### 1. Proceedings

- 117. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.
- 118. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would consult with Parties on this issue and present draft conclusions to the SBSTA at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

- 119. The SBSTA, at its thirty-seventh session, considered the matter and agreed to continue its discussions on this agenda sub-item at its thirty-ninth session.
- E. Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol

(Agenda item 12(e))

#### **Proceedings**

- 120. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.8.
- 121. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA took note of the report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.29.

For the text as adopted, see decision 2/CMP.8.

# F. Report on the implementation of domestic action by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in their national communications

(Agenda item 12(f))

#### **Proceedings**

- 122. The SBSTA considered this agenda sub-item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.9.
- 123. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA took note of the report.

### XIII. Other matters

(Agenda item 13)

#### 1. Proceedings

- 124. The SBSTA considered this agenda item at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.
- 125. At its  $1^{st}$  meeting, the SBSTA agreed that the Chair would consult with Parties on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase and would present draft conclusions to the SBSTA at its  $2^{nd}$  meeting. At its  $2^{nd}$  meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted conclusions<sup>59</sup> proposed by the Chair.

#### 2. Conclusions

126. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision<sup>60</sup> for adoption by the COP at its eighteenth session (for the text of the draft decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.27).

# XIV. Report on the session

(Agenda item 14)

127. At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the SBSTA considered and adopted the draft report on its thirty-seventh session. 61 At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chair, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Chair.

### XV. Closure of the session

128. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, a representative of the Executive Secretary provided a preliminary estimate of the administrative and budgetary implications of conclusions adopted during the session. This follows decision 16/CP.9, paragraph 20, which requests the Executive Secretary to provide an indication of the administrative and budgetary implications of decisions<sup>62</sup> if these cannot be met from existing resources within the core budget.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> For the text as adopted, see decision 22/CP.18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Adopted as document FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.20.

While decision 16/CP.9 refers to "decisions", it also has implications for conclusions of the subsidiary bodies.

- 129. The representative of the Executive Secretary informed Parties that a number of activities resulting from the negotiations at this session call for extra work by the secretariat and, therefore, the secretariat requires additional resources in the coming year over and above the core budget for 2012–2013. These include the following:
- (a) Under agenda item 4, "Report of the Adaptation Committee", the secretariat has been requested to undertake a number of activities in support of the implementation of the Adaptation Committee's work plan. The cost of these activities in 2013 is estimated at EUR 430,000:<sup>63</sup>
- (b) Under agenda item 7, "Research and systematic observation", the secretariat has been requested to organize a workshop to be held prior to SBSTA 39. The estimated cost amounts to EUR 65,000 if held in Bonn and EUR 140,000 if held outside of Bonn;
- (c) Under agenda item 11(b) "Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties" funding in the amount of EURO 120,000 is required for a workshop in 2013.
- 130. Additional requests for outputs to be delivered by the secretariat in 2013, including those requiring further funding, are contained in decisions adopted by the COP at its eighteenth session and the CMP at its eighth session pursuant to recommendations by the SBSTA.
- 131. At the same meeting, closing statements were made by representatives of 10 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one on behalf of the Umbrella Group, one on behalf of the African States, one on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member States and Croatia, one on behalf of the LDCs, one on behalf of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America Peoples' Trade Treaty, and one on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations.
- 132. Before closing the session, the Chair thanked delegates, the chairs of contact groups and the convenors of informal consultations for their contributions. He also thanked the secretariat for its support.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> The same costs are also stated for SBI agenda item 8.

## Annex I

# Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties

	Activities	Timeline
Subsidiary Body	The SBSTA, at its thirty-seventh session, to:	November to
for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirty-seventh session (SBSTA)	<ul> <li>Adopt the work programme with specific timelines in order to adopt the review guidelines for national communications (NCs) and the review guidelines for biennial reports (BRs) by the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the revision of review guidelines for greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories by COP 20;</li> <li>Request the lead reviewers to discuss, in their 2013 meeting, options to improve the cost-effectiveness, efficiency and practicality of the review process;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to make the outcome of the discussions of lead reviewers available as inputs to discussions at SBSTA 38;</li> </ul>	December 2012
	<ul> <li>NCs and BRs</li> <li>Invite Parties to submit additional views on the overall approach and views on the structure, outline, key elements and content of the review guidelines for NCs and BRs by 15 July 2013;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report and draft revised review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for BRs, based on Parties' submissions by 15 September 2013;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to organize the first technical workshop in October 2013;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to prepare a report on the first workshop, containing the draft revised review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for BRs, as input to the discussions at SBSTA 39;</li> </ul>	
	GHG inventories	
	<ul> <li>Invite Parties to submit their detailed views on the structure, outline, key elements and content of the review guidelines for GHG inventories by 15 February 2014;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>and draft revised review guidelines for GHG inventories by 30 March 2014, as an input to SBSTA 39 and the second technical workshop;</li> <li>Request the secretariat to organize the second technical workshop in April 2014;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Request the secretariat to prepare a report on the second workshop, containing the draft revised review guidelines for GHG inventories, as input to discussions at SBSTA 40;</li> </ul>	

• Invite Parties to submit further views on the updated draft of the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories by 15 July 2014; • Request the secretariat to include those Parties' views in the annotated draft of the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories by 15 September 2014, as an input to discussions at SBSTA 41.  SBSTA 38 The SBSTA to continue its consideration of the overall approach to streamlining the review process, and the structure, outline, key elements and content of review guidelines for NCs and BRs.  Technical Parties to address the overall structure and approach to the revised review guidelines for NCs, BRs and GHG inventories and to discuss the draft of the revised review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for BRs, based on Parties' submissions and the outcome of the discussions of the lead reviewers at their meeting in 2013.  SBSTA 39 The SBSTA to:  • Finalize its consideration of the draft revised review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for BRs, with a view to preparing a draft decision for adoption by the COP at its nineteenth session;  • Assess progress with the work programme and make adjustments as needed.  COP 19 The COP adopts the revised review guidelines for NCs and review guidelines for BRs.  Technical Parties to continue discussions on the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories and principles for streamlining the review process of GHG inventories and principles for streamlining the review process of GHG inventories and principles for GHG inventories, with a view to reflecting its progress in an annotated draft of the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories on the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories on the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories on the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories and principles for streamlining the review to reflecting its progress in an annotated draft of the revised review guidelines for GHG inventories on the revised review guidelines f			
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#### Annex II

# Documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its thirty-seventh session

#### Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/3	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the

**Executive Secretary** 

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4 Report on the technical workshop on water and climate

change impacts and adaptation strategies. Note by the

secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.4 Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the

views on the common tabular format. Note by the

secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.5 Progress made in implementing activities under the

Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.6 Compilation of case studies on national adaptation

planning processes. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.7 Report on the experience-sharing workshop on

technology needs assessments. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.8 Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse

gas inventories and other information reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the

secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.9 Report on the implementation of domestic action by

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol based on the information reported in their national communications.

Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.10 Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse

gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the

Convention. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.11 Synthesis report on the submissions from Parties on the

work programme and on the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from

developed country Parties and national

communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Parties included in Annex I to the

Convention. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.12 Report on the workshop on the implications of the

implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related

to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.13

Report on the workshop on a common tabular format for the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties". Note by the secretariat

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.11

and Add.1-3

Views from Parties, based on the reporting guidelines, on the common tabular format. Submissions from **Parties** 

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.12

and Add.1

Views on issues referred to in decision 10/CMP.7, paragraph 4. Submissions from Parties, intergovernmental organizations and admitted observer organizations

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.13

Views from Parties on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and on how these implications should be addressed. Submissions from Parties

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.14

Update on progress made by space agencies involved in global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Global Climate Observing System and the Convention. Submission from the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.15

Report on progress in the development of methodologies, standards and protocols for climaterelated terrestrial observations and related matters. Submission from the Global Terrestrial Observing System

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.16

Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for alternative approaches to addressing the risk of nonpermanence under the clean development mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 7. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.17 and Add.1

Views from Parties on the elements of the work programme and on the timeline of proposed activities, as well as on the key elements of the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from developed country Parties and national communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Submissions from Parties

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.18 and Add.1

Views on issues related to modalities and procedures for possible additional land use, land-use change and forestry activities under the clean development

mechanism in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 6. Submissions from Parties and admitted

observer organizations

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.19

and Add.1

Views on issues relating to a more comprehensive accounting of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks from land use, land-use change and forestry, including through a more inclusive activitybased approach or a land-based approach, as referred to in decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 5. Submissions from Parties and admitted observer organizations

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.20

Information relevant to emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport. Submissions from international organizations

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.21

Outcome of the World Meteorological Congress Extraordinary Session 2012 with respect to the Global Framework for Climate Services implementation. Submission from the World Meteorological Organization

FCCC/SB/2012/2

Report on activities and performance of the Technology

Executive Committee for 2012

FCCC/SB/2012/3

Report of the Adaptation Committee

FCCC/SB/2012/MISC.2

Views from Parties and relevant organizations on the following areas of the work programme in accordance with decision 8/CP.17, paragraph 1: area (a), sharing of information and expertise, including reporting and promoting understanding of positive and negative impacts of response measures; area (f), relevant aspects relating to the implementation of decisions 1/CP.10, 1/CP.13 and 1/CP.16 and Article 2, paragraph 3, and Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol; area (h), building collective and individual learning towards a transition to a low greenhouse gas emitting society. Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations

FCCC/TP/2012/6

Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Technical paper

FCCC/TP/2012/8

Current review processes under the Convention and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews of national communications and greenhouse gas inventories. Technical paper

FCCC/TP/2012/9

Transboundary carbon capture and storage project activities. Technical paper

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.20

Draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirty-seventh session

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.21	Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.22– FCCC/SBI/2012/L.33	Work of the Adaptation Committee. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.23	Forum and work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.24	General guidelines for domestic measurement, reporting and verification of domestically supported nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.25 and Add.1	Research and systematic observation. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.26	Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.27	Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.28	Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.29	Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.30	Land use, land-use change and forestry under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and under the clean development mechanism. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.31	Methodological guidance for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.32	Development and transfer of technologies and report of the Technology Executive Committee. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair
FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.33	Methodological issues under the Convention. Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

#### Other documents before the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2 Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and

Technological Advice on its thirty-sixth session, held in

Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012

FCCC/SBI/2012/15 and Add.1

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Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its

thirty-sixth session, held in Bonn from 14 to 25 May 2012

FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1

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Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth

session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11

December 2011

FCCC/KP/CMP/2011/10 and

Add.1 and 2

Report of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its

seventh session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11

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FCCC/CP/1996/2 Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of

procedure. Note by the secretariat