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Agenda item 10(a)

Methodological issues under the Convention

**Work programme on a common reporting format for the “UNFMCCC
biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties”**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) initiated its consideration of the work programme on a common tabular format for electronic reporting of information (hereinafter referred to as the common tabular format) in accordance with the “UNFMCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” as contained in annex I to decision 2/CP.17 (hereinafter referred to as the reporting guidelines) with a view to the Conference of the Parties, at its eighteenth session, adopting the format.
2. The SBSTA also acknowledged that, in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, developed country Parties shall use the reporting guidelines for the preparation of the first biennial reports, taking into account their national circumstances, and shall submit their first biennial reports to the secretariat by 1 January 2014.
3. The SBSTA agreed that the common tabular format will include tables for information specified in paragraphs 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22 and 23 of the reporting guidelines. It may also include tables for information specified in paragraphs, inter alia, 13, 19 and 24 of the reporting guidelines.
4. The SBSTA also agreed that the work programme on a common tabular format mandated by decision 2/CP.17 should include the submission of views from Parties, which would be compiled into a miscellaneous document, the preparation of a synthesis report of these submissions and the organization of a workshop and the preparation of a workshop report.
5. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit, based on the reporting guidelines, their views, by 13 August 2012, on the common tabular format mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile the submissions from Parties into a miscellaneous document and to prepare a synthesis report of Parties' submissions as an input to the workshop mentioned in paragraph 7 below.
 7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop on a common tabular format in October 2012 and to prepare a workshop report, for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.
 8. The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-seventh session, its consideration of a common tabular format, taking into account the views submitted by Parties referred to in paragraph 5 above, the synthesis of these views referred to in paragraph 6 above and the workshop report referred to in paragraph 7 above.
 9. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications, as provided by the secretariat, to implement the actions requested in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.
 10. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
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