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Agenda item 13(a) Market and non-market mechanisms under the Convention Framework for various approaches

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Draft conclusions proposed by the co-facilitators

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its work programme to elaborate a framework for various approaches (hereinafter referred to as the framework) in accordance with decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 41–46, with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twentieth session (December 2014).

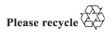
2. The SBSTA expressed its gratitude to the European Union, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the financial support for the workshop on the framework held on 9 October 2013 in Bonn, Germany, in conjunction with the workshop on non-market-based approaches and the workshop on the new market-based mechanism.

3. The SBSTA welcomed the technical synthesis¹ and the report² on the workshop on the framework and encouraged Parties to draw on the information contained in those documents and on the views³ submitted by Parties and admitted observer organizations when conducting further work on this matter.

4. The SBSTA noted that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) is informed by the work of the subsidiary bodies.⁴ The SBSTA also noted that its work under this agenda sub-item is being conducted without prejudice to the work of the ADP on the 2015 agreement and pre-2020 ambition.

5. The SBSTA further noted the willingness of Parties, in the context of the elaboration of a framework, to share information, experience and good practice relevant to the design and operation of market-based approaches and non-market-based approaches, including on

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¹ FCCC/TP/2013/5.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2013/INF.11.

³ Available at <http://unfccc.int/cooperation_support/market_and_nonmarket_mechanisms/items/7709.php>.

⁴ Decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 6.

approaches developed or being developed by Parties, individually or jointly. It also recalled the request of the COP to the secretariat⁵ to compile and make publicly accessible such information, experience and good practice.

6. To elaborate on the possible design and operation of a framework, the SBSTA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 22 September 2014, their views including information, experience and good practice of the nature referred to in paragraph 5 above, without prejudging the use or recognition under the Convention and its instruments of approaches developed or being developed by Parties, individually or jointly. The SBSTA suggested that these submissions could address, inter alia, whether and how approaches:

(a) Meet standards that are comparable to standards under the UNFCCC;

(b) Meet the standards referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 79, and decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 42;

(c) Enable the accounting, at the international level, of mitigation outcomes;

(d) Allow for participation, including through possible eligibility criteria;

(e) Provide co-benefits, including, but not limited to, their contribution to sustainable development, poverty eradication and adaptation;

- (f) Have effective institutional arrangements and governance;
- (g) Relate to international agreements.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make the submissions referred to in paragraph 6 above available on the UNFCCC website.

8. It also requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at SBSTA 41 (December 2014), a technical paper on how approaches, including those developed or being developed by Parties, individually or jointly, the existing mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol and other relevant approaches, may address the issues referred to in paragraph 6(a-g) above, based on the submissions referred to in paragraph 6 above and other relevant materials.

9. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this agenda sub-item at SBSTA 41, drawing on the submissions referred to in paragraph 6 above and the technical paper referred to in paragraph 8 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision on a framework for consideration and adoption at COP 20.

10. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 8 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

⁵ Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 49.