

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE  
Eleventh session  
Bonn, 25 October - 5 November 1999  
Agenda item 10 (a)

## **DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES**

### **STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS (DECISION 4/CP.4)**

#### **Draft conclusions by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) adopted the following conclusions with regard to the consultative process for the transfer of technology, with the aim of reaching agreement on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, in accordance with decision 4/CP.4:
  - (a) The SBSTA noted the progress report on development and transfer of technologies prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/11);
  - (b) The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session (see annex to these draft conclusions);
  - (c) The SBSTA noted the report by the former Chairman of SBSTA, Mr. Chow Kok Kee, on the first regional workshop on the consultative process on transfer of technology, held from 16 to 18 August 1999 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania. It endorsed the proposal by the Chairman that, subject to the availability of resources, two further workshops be organized in the Asia and the Pacific region in January 2000 and in the Latin America and the Caribbean region in March/April 2000;
  - (d) The SBSTA welcomed the offer of the Government of the Philippines to host the workshop in the Asia and the Pacific region;
  - (e) The SBSTA invited the Chairman, with the assistance of the secretariat, to report on the outcome of the two above-mentioned workshops to the SBSTA at its twelfth session;

(f) The SBSTA welcomed the statement made by a representative of the IPCC on the status of its special report on methodological and technological issues in technology transfer;

(g) The SBSTA requested the Chairman, with the assistance of the secretariat, to make every effort, before the twelfth session of the SBSTA, to identify possible elements of a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, taking into account the results of the three regional workshops, common elements and areas of divergence based on submissions by Parties on how the issues and questions listed in the annex to decision 4/CP.4 should be addressed, and the IPCC special report on methodological and technological issues in technology transfer;

(h) The SBSTA requested the Chairman, with the assistance of the secretariat, to hold a meeting with experts and representatives of Parties before the twelfth session of the SBSTA, resources and time permitting, to consider the progress of the consultative process, and the possible elements of a framework identified by the Chairman;

(i) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views, by 15 July 2000, on a framework for implementation of meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention;

(j) The SBSTA invited the Chairman to hold consultations among Parties in August 2000, regarding the outcome of the consultative process, resources and time permitting;

(k) The SBSTA requested the Chairman, with the assistance of the secretariat, to make available at the thirteenth session of the SBSTA a report on the outcome of the consultative process, incorporating a draft text on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, with a view to a decision being adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session;

(l) The SBSTA noted the receipt of financial contributions and/or in-kind support for the consultative process from Australia, Germany, and the United States, welcomed the offers of financial and/or in-kind contributions from Austria, Canada, France, Japan, and the Netherlands, and encouraged other Parties in a position to do so, to provide additional contributions;

(m) The SBSTA welcomed the offer of the United States to assist the secretariat in developing elements of technology information accessible through the latter's web site.

*[For the text of the draft decision mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) above, see the annex below]*

Annex

Draft decision

**DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES:  
STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular its Article 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9 and Articles 9.2, 11.1, 11.5, 12.3 and 12.4,

*Noting* the progress made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on its special report on methodological and technological issues in technology transfer,

*Having considered* the progress report presented by the Convention secretariat on the development and transfer of technologies (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/11),

1. *Reaffirms* its decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 4/CP.4 and relevant provisions of its decision 1/CP.4 on the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;
2. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its eleventh session on the development and transfer of technology;
3. *Agrees* to extend, until the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the consultative process referred to in decision 4/CP.4 and to request the Chairman of the SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the regional workshops by early 2000, resources permitting, and to report on the outcome of the regional workshops in the Asia and the Pacific region and in the Latin America and the Caribbean region at its twelfth session;
4. *Requests* the Chairman of the SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat, to hold a meeting with experts and representatives of Parties before the twelfth session of the SBSTA, resources and time permitting, to consider the progress of the consultative process, and the possible elements of a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention identified by the Chairman;
5. *Invites* the Chairman of the SBSTA to hold consultations among Parties in August 2000, regarding the outcome of the consultative process, resources and time permitting;

6. *Requests* the Chairman of the SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat, to make available at the thirteenth session of the SBSTA, a report on the outcome of the consultative process, incorporating a draft text on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, with a view to adopting a decision at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;

7. *Invites* non-Annex I Parties that have not already done so to report their technology needs, in their national communications, to the extent possible;

8. *Urges* Annex II Parties to give particular attention to reporting on technology transfer activities, as specified in part II of the revised guidelines for reporting by Annex I Parties.

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