

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE
Eleventh session
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Agenda item 9 (a)

METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

LAND-USE, LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), recalling decisions 1/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 8/CP.4 and 9/CP.4, adopted the following conclusions:

1. The SBSTA took note with appreciation of documents FCCC/SBSTA/1999/MISC.7 and Add.1 and 2.
2. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for convening the special side event during the eleventh session of the SBSTA, and reporting on the draft IPCC special report on land-use, land-use change and forestry, and noted the IPCC request to Parties to submit, preferably before the end of 1999, national data and information on current areas, carbon stocks, and trends for the land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol.
3. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision for adoption by the COP at its fifth session (see annex).
4. The SBSTA decided to start its consideration of the IPCC special report on land-use, land-use change and forestry at its twelfth session, and invited the IPCC to provide the SBSTA with an in-depth report at that session, and to convene a special side event on the IPCC special report on land-use, land-use change and forestry.
5. The SBSTA recalled the conclusion adopted at its tenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/6, paragraph 41 (d)), inviting Parties to provide the secretariat with guidance by 1 February 2000 on the scope of the workshop to be held between SBSTA 12 and COP 6. In addition, the SBSTA affirmed the importance of broad participation by Parties in the workshop, particularly developing country Parties.
6. The SBSTA decided to further consider at its twelfth session initial criteria and guiding principles for the identification and selection of activities under Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol.

7. The SBSTA requested Parties to provide submissions by 1 August 2000 with views, or proposals for definitions, on activities under Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol, for compilation into a miscellaneous document and consideration by the SBSTA at its thirteenth session. Submissions from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention should include information on the methodologies that each Party intends to use to measure and report on net changes in greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from these activities, measured as verifiable changes in carbon stocks. In addition, Parties included in Annex I to the Convention were requested to provide submissions by 1 August 2000 on an assessment of net changes in greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks, measured as verifiable changes in carbon stocks, resulting from the activities under Article 3.3 of the Kyoto Protocol.

8. The SBSTA requested Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to submit preliminary data and information as specified in the first sentence of Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol by 1 August 2000.

9. The SBSTA requested Parties to make submissions by 1 August 2000 as to how and which human-induced activities will be included under Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol, on modalities, rules, and guidelines related to these activities, which may include any linkages to other relevant paragraphs of Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol, and any relevant information on these activities, for compilation into a miscellaneous document and consideration by the SBSTA at its thirteenth session. In preparing their submissions, Parties should follow any criteria and guiding principles, agreed upon by the SBSTA at its twelfth session. Submissions by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention should include:

(a) A list of additional activities that each individual Party is proposing for inclusion under Article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol, as well as information on methodologies that each Party intends to use to measure and report changes in carbon stocks as a result of each activity; and

(b) National data and an assessment of changes in greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks, associated with each activity a Party is proposing for inclusion.

10. The SBSTA decided to consider at its twelfth session, formats for the submission of historical national data, and where applicable projections, under paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 above.

11. The SBSTA requested the Chairman to prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, a consolidated synthesis of proposals made by Parties in their submissions under paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 above, for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirteenth session.

12. In connection with paragraph 9 above, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile for consideration at its twelfth session, a synthesis report on the completeness and comprehensiveness of Annex I Party national greenhouse gas inventories for the agricultural soils and land-use change and forestry categories.

13. The SBSTA recalled the conclusion adopted at its tenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/6, paragraph 41 (e)), and it invited the IPCC to provide a progress report on that subject at its thirteenth session.

Annex

Decision -/CP.5

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 1/CP.4, 8/CP.4 and 9/CP.4,

Decides to endorse a work programme and elements of a decision-making framework to address the conclusions on land-use, land-use change and forestry adopted by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its eleventh session, as requested by decision 9/CP.4, with a view to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session recommending initial draft decisions relating to decision 9/CP.4, paragraphs 3 and 4, recognizing that further relevant decisions may be required by subsequent Conferences of the Parties, for adoption by the first Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
