

STOCK-TAKING MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Thursday, 11 December 2014, Plenary 2, 19:00-19:30

Statement by the Chair of the SBSTA

Thank you very much, Mr. President, and good evening, your Excellencies and distinguished delegates.

- **I am here to report on further developments on pending SBSTA-related work since our last stock-taking meeting on Wednesday afternoon.**
- **Mr. President, based on your continued mandate and as reported at yesterday's stocktaking meeting, I undertook further consultations, under your authority**, on pending issues with the following results:
 - Regarding **SBSTA sub-item 10 (a)** Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed countries - **I am pleased to report** that substantive and significant progress has been achieved by engaged and motivated Parties and **agreement was reached yesterday evening**. Last technical clean-up of the text has been undertaken and the text is currently being finalized and will be published shortly.
 - Regarding **SBSTA sub-item 11 (a)** Implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 4/CMP.7 and 1/CMP.8 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol including those related to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol – **Significant work was done by the group** and a draft text was produced which Parties agreed to use for further discussion. There is no accepted agreement of the text or removal of brackets. Parties are generally willing to continue consideration of this item on the basis of the text within the timeframe allocated by the COP, and if no more time, they are willing to continue consideration of this item in future sessions. Parties indicated that they will object to last minute decision on this item and there was no indication for a new proposal for the text. Mr. President, allow me to reflect that deliberation of this item and other items under our agenda during this COP have been conducted in a transparent, inclusive and fair manner in an effort to advance the work of SBSTA and I thank Parties, co-facilitators and the secretariat for their hard work.
 - Regarding **SBSTA sub-item 9 (a)/SBI sub-tem 14 (a)** Impact of the implementation of response measures: Forum and work programme – myself and the SBI Chair agreed that the SBI Chair will report on the status of deliberation among Parties on this issue.

I thank you very much, Mr. President.