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on

SBSTA 40 agenda item 11(b) Methodological issues under the Convention Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of greenhouse gases

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration of the common metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by sources and removals by sinks (hereinafter referred to as common metrics) within the framework of the methodological issues under the Convention.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the special event on common metrics,¹ organized by the secretariat and held on 7 June 2014, during which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) presented its findings on common metrics from its Fifth Assessment Report, following an invitation made at SBSTA 36.²
3. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the IPCC and the representatives of its Working Groups I and III for providing information on their work and findings on common metrics, which included updated and relevant information on the scientific knowledge of common metrics.
4. The SBSTA recalled that, in accordance with decision 24/CP.19, from 2015 until a further decision is adopted by the Conference of the Parties, the global warming potential values used by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks shall be those listed in the column entitled “Global warming potential for given time horizon” in table 2.14 of the errata to the contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC,³ based on the effects of GHGs over a 100-year time-horizon.
5. [The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of common metrics at SBSTA 44 (May 2016).]

¹ Further information thereon is available at
<http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_jun_2014/workshop/8245.php>.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2012/2, paragraph 92.

³ *Climate Change 2007: the Physical Science Basis*, available at
<http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg1/en/ch2s2-10-2.html#table-2-14>.