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It is with profound sadness that the Climate Change secretariat has to inform all Parties and observer organizations to the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol of the sudden death, this weekend in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany, of Mr. Mama Konaté (Mali), Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).

Mr. Konaté played a key role in the climate change negotiations since the third session of the Conference of the Parties in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997. He applied all his capacity and wisdom in firmly defending the interests of the least developed countries and of his country while always remaining dedicated to the global good and the objective of the Convention. He was respected and liked by all delegates. His leadership in the negotiating process of climate change was demonstrated on several occasions as the Chair of the least developed country Group and more recently, as the Chair of the SBSTA. Undoubtedly, the climate change process has lost one of its most active, dedicated and prominent leaders.

On behalf of the secretariat, I wish to convey to all Parties and observer organizations our deep sorrow at his passing. We shall miss him deeply, but will redouble our efforts in the struggle against climate change, following his past guidance.

The secretariat would like to extend its deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues in their time of mourning.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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