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Agenda item 11

**“BEST PRACTICES” IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES  
INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration, initiated at its twelfth session, of the Chairman’s report (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/2) on the workshop held pursuant to decision 8/CP.4 in Copenhagen from 11 to 13 April 2000 on “best practices” in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
2. The SBSTA recognized with appreciation the role the workshop had played in helping Parties to advance the work on sharing experience and exchanging information regarding “best practices” in policies and measures.
3. The SBSTA noted the progress made on this matter and decided to forward the Chairman’s report on the workshop to the Conference of the Parties (COP), at its sixth session. It also decided to forward to the second part of its thirteenth session the elements of a draft decision to be recommended to COP 6 on this issue contained in the annex below.

Annex

**Elements for a draft decision on “best practices” or “good practices” in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

[*New title: Consideration of ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b)*]

*The Conference of the Parties,*

[*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular its Article 4.1, 4.2, 4.8 and 4.9 and relevant provisions of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular its Articles 2, 3.2, 3.14 and 7,

*Recalling also* its decision 8/CP.4 whereby it requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to undertake preparatory work to enable the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its first session after the entry into force of the Protocol, to consider ways to facilitate cooperation to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2.1(b) of the Protocol,

*Noting* the Chairman’s report (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/2) on the workshop held in Copenhagen from 11 to 13 April 2000, pursuant to decision 8/CP.4,

*Appreciative* of the contribution of the Governments of Denmark and France in sponsoring this workshop,

*Recognizing* that the implementation of policies and measures is essential to achieve the objective of the Convention and the Protocol,

*Recognizing also* the value of information exchanges among all Parties on “best” and/or “good” practices in policies and measures which are based on national circumstances, in furthering the objective of the Convention and the Protocol, ]<sup>1</sup>

1. ***Decides that the task requested by decision 8/CP.4 has been completed,***

~~2. *Decides [to establish a consultative process to ensure the continuity] of sharing experience and exchanging information [among Annex I Parties] on “best and/or good practices” in policies and measures adopted under Article [4.1 and] 4.2 of the Convention and the policies and measures to be adopted under Article 2 of the Protocol, initiated during the workshop in Copenhagen, and to establish a consultative process*~~

Bis 2. *Decides [to undertake preparatory work to enable the COP/MOP] to continue [considering ways] to facilitate cooperation [among Annex I Parties] to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures under Article 2. [1] [1(b)]*

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<sup>1</sup> This part of the elements of the draft decision is in brackets because it has not been discussed.

[ 2.3] of the Protocol, in particular by encouraging [Annex I] Parties to continue sharing experience and exchanging information, at a technical level and taking into account national circumstances [and establish a consultative process.]

3. *Decides* that [this consultative process] [future work] should take place [in part] under the guidance [of the Chairman] of the SBSTA, [inter alia] through initiatives involving all Parties and, as appropriate, environmental and business non-governmental organizations, and should include the exchange of information on policies and measures [undertaken by Annex I Parties], *inter alia*, on all relevant sectors, and cross-cutting issues and on methodological issues related to [assessing/characterizing] the effectiveness of policies and measures. [The process should improve mutual understanding and learning from other's experience on policies and measures implementation and communication.] This could take the form of various initiatives, including workshops and side events during the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

4. *Decides* [that the process should] [*Notes*] that the [outcome of the process] [**future work**] should contribute to improving the transparency, effectiveness and comparability of policies and measures [**enable [an assessment of] demonstrable progress of Annex I Parties in achieving their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol and of the actions to minimize the social, environmental and economic impacts of these policies and measures on developing countries, as listed in Article 4.8 and 4.9] [implement and/or elaborate policies and measures in accordance with Article 2.1 of the Kyoto Protocol]**] including improvement of the transparency, effectiveness and comparability of policies and measures. To that end it should:

(a) [Enhance transparency in reporting on policies and measures in the national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and enable] [contribute to the assessment] a demonstration of progress [**in achieving the commitments under Kyoto Protocol**] by 2005, in the context of Article 3.2 of the Kyoto Protocol, measured, as appropriate, by means of criteria and quantitative parameters;] [**and serve as an input to the reporting requirements on Article 7.2]**

(b) [Serve as an input to the assessment of the [effects and] [social, economic and environmental impacts] impacts of response-policies and] measures under ~~Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention~~ and Article 3.14 [Article 2] of the Protocol;]

**[Provide an assessment of the actions of Annex I Parties in striving to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, as referred to in Article 2.3 of the Kyoto Protocol]**

(c) [Provide input to enable further elaboration of the guidelines under Article 7 of the Protocol and of the revised guidelines for national communications by Annex I Parties under the Convention;]

(d) Assist the [Conference of the] Parties in identifying further options for cooperation between [Annex I] Parties to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of their policies and measures, [**taking into full account Article 2]** pursuant to Article 2.1(b) [and the provision of Article 13.4(d)] of the Protocol;

5. *Requests* the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chairman of the SBSTA and in collaboration with relevant international and intergovernmental organizations active in the area of policies and measures, [including the International Energy Agency, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, **[the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries]**] the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other relevant international organizations, to support this [process] [future work] by organizing, [*inter alia*] workshops and side events and providing relevant input as appropriate. The secretariat should compile information on policies and measures implemented and planned [under the Convention] by Annex I Parties, and make all related information available in electronic format to the Parties;

6. [*Requests* the secretariat to organize the first workshop [under the consultative process] referred to in paragraph 2 and to report the results [of the initiative listed in paragraph 4] [of the workshop] to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session. This workshop will be held according to the terms of reference adopted by the SBSTA at its fourteenth session;]

7. [*Invites* [*inter alia*] **[relevant international and intergovernmental organizations]** the International Energy Agency and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, [and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries] to present a status report on their activities related to policies and measures and the methodologies to assess their effect, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to present a summary of the findings or draft findings of the Third Assessment Report related to policies and measures to the SBSTA at its fourteenth session;]

8. [*Requests* the SBSTA to consider at its [fifteenth session] the **[initial]** results obtained from the actions taken **[the status of the preparatory work] [pursuant to this decision]** under [the consultative process] and to report them to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session with a view to taking a decision **[considering any further actions]** [on the further action to be taken within this process] in the lead-up to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, **[as soon as practical thereafter]**.

9. *Invites* **[Annex I]** Parties to provide the necessary financial support for the workshops and other activities [conducted under the consultative process] [hereby established **[identified under this decision]**].