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Agenda item 6

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

Cooperation with other conventions

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation between the UNFCCC and other relevant conventions and stressed the importance of coordination at the national level.
2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information on the issues relating to cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UNFCCC provided by the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technological and Technical Advice (SBSTTA) of the CBD. It also took note of the information provided by the secretariat in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3 and FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the proposal by the SBSTTA of the CBD on potential areas of collaboration and coordinated actions between the CBD and the UNFCCC. It encouraged Parties to promote the involvement of climate change expertise in the CBD pilot assessment of the interlinkages between climate change and biological diversity.
4. The SBSTA endorsed the formation of a joint liaison group between the secretariats of the UNFCCC and the CBD and requested the secretariat of the UNFCCC to invite the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to participate in this liaison group in order:
 - (a) To enhance coordination between the three conventions including the exchange of relevant information;
 - (b) To explore options for further cooperation between the three conventions, including a possibility of a joint workplan and/or a workshop.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat of the UNFCCC to invite representatives of other relevant instruments and bodies, including IPCC, to participate in meetings of the liaison group, as appropriate. It requested the secretariat to report periodically to the SBSTA on the activities and proposals of the joint liaison group.
6. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their further views on cooperation between the three conventions as referred to in paragraph 4 (b) above by 15 October 2001 for inclusion in a miscellaneous document.
7. The SBSTA supported the request of the SBSTTA of the CBD to the IPCC to develop a technical paper. It welcomed the scoping paper prepared by the IPCC. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to consider relevant interlinkages between climate change, biodiversity and desertification in developing its technical paper. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on this matter by 1 September 2001 for inclusion in a miscellaneous document and also to forward their comments directly to the IPCC.
8. The SBSTA agreed to consider these issues further at its fifteenth session.

Cooperation with scientific organizations

9. The SBSTA took note of the completion of the Third Assessment Report (TAR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and commended the IPCC on the high quality of its scientific work. It also expressed its appreciation for the special presentations on the findings of the TAR during the resumed session of COP 6. It requested the secretariat to put the TAR and the IPCC synthesis report on the agenda of the fifteenth session of the SBSTA.
10. The SBSTA took note of the report made by the Director of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Secretariat, on behalf of the agencies participating in the Climate Agenda, on activities relating to decision 5/CP.5. It noted that support is needed for GCOS workshops that are planned for the Caribbean and Central American and Asia regions in 2002. The SBSTA took note of the prospectus provided by the GCOS secretariat on a second assessment of the adequacy of the global climate observing system.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

11. The SBSTA noted with appreciation information provided by the Director of the Forest Product Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the decisions taken by its committees on forestry and agriculture regarding activities relating to climate change.

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