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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the submissions from Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2005/MISC.12 and Add.1–2 and the summary report of topics covered in the workshops contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.5, as well as the chairs' summaries of the workshops.
2. The SBSTA recalled decision 10/CP.9, which requested the SBSTA to initiate work on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation and to focus on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention and to report on this work to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its eleventh session.
3. The SBSTA noted that it had a useful and productive exchange of experiences and views during the three in-session workshops on mitigation at its twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions.
4. The SBSTA agreed to continue its work on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation, and to focus on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention as mandated by decision 10/CP.9. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to organize workshops at each of its next four sessions, on the following themes:
 - (a) Agriculture, forestry and rural development (in-session, SBSTA 24 (May 2006))
 - (b) Urban planning and development, including transportation (in-session, SBSTA 25 (November 2006))
 - (c) Energy efficiency, including industry, and residential and commercial end-use (pre-session, SBSTA 26 (May 2007))
 - (d) Power generation, including clean fossil fuels and renewable energy (pre-session, SBSTA 26)

- (e) Non-CO₂ emissions, including methane recovery and utilization (in-session, SBSTA 27 (December 2007)).

5. Each workshop should address the following aspects, taking into account ongoing work under the agenda item on development and transfer of technologies, including the work of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer:

- (a) Currently available and emerging technologies, including small-scale mitigation technologies, and associated emission reduction potential; opportunities and best practices to overcome barriers to and factors that promote innovation, deployment, transfer and diffusion of these technologies, including through innovative financing
- (b) International cooperative efforts to promote technology innovation, deployment, transfer and diffusion, and opportunities to enhance such cooperation
- (c) Socio-economic aspects of mitigation, such as costs and benefits, co-benefits, spillover effects and “win-win” practices that contribute to sustainable development
- (d) Cross-cutting aspects and methods and tools for assessing mitigation opportunities.

6. The SBSTA invited Parties that wish to make a presentation on any of the topics listed above to indicate their interest to the secretariat three months before the relevant workshop. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make arrangements for presentations.

7. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, before its twenty-seventh session, views on issues that were discussed at the workshops.

8. The SBSTA agreed to take stock of its work under this agenda item at its twenty-seventh session, and to report to the COP at its thirteenth session (December 2007).
