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**SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

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**Agenda item 7 (e)**

**Methodological issues under the Convention**

**Experience with reporting and review, and with training of experts**

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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/2, which was requested in decisions 18/CP.8 and 19/CP.8, and which contained information on experiences with reporting and review of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories under the Convention, and with the training programme for members of expert review teams.
2. The SBSTA noted that the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories” and the “Guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” have proved to be valuable tools in improving the consistency, timeliness, completeness, comparability, and transparency of GHG inventories.
3. The SBSTA concluded that it is not necessary to update the above-mentioned guidelines at its twenty-fourth session.
4. The SBSTA also noted that inventory experts from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention that participate in review training and in the review of Annex I Party GHG inventories gain additional benefits in terms of capacity-building.
5. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to nominate additional experts to the roster of experts and to take the necessary steps to ensure the availability of experts to participate in the review process.
6. The SBSTA welcomed the fact that more than 100 experts received training organized by the secretariat and subsequently participated in the expert review teams in 2003–2005. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue its training programme for inventory review experts nominated to the roster of experts, and encouraged Parties to support the review training programme activities.

7. The SBSTA requested the lead reviewers to include in the discussion at their next meeting the following issues: the experience gained and the lessons learned regarding confidentiality of information, conflicts among team members, consistency of reviews and how recommendations formulated by expert review teams contribute to improving reporting by Parties.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to prepare annual reports on inventory review activities, pursuant to decision 12/CP.9, for consideration by the SBSTA, and to include in these reports information on progress in updating the roster of experts.

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