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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the submission contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/MISC.8.
2. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the scientific community for its work to build on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil. It also expressed its appreciation to those governments providing support for this work. The SBSTA noted that the participation of experts from both developed and developing countries in this effort has fostered some capacity-building. The SBSTA noted that this process remains open to strengthen participation from scientists from developing countries.
3. The SBSTA noted that further work would be required, for example, to further quantify and reduce uncertainties, to address gaps in knowledge, and to further improve the methodology, for instance by considering finer resolution of sources and longer timescales.
4. The SBSTA encouraged all Parties, research institutions and scientists interested in this issue to undertake further work and to continue to exchange information and experience on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil.
5. The SBSTA noted that it expects the scientific work to be completed by the third quarter of 2007 for the consideration by Parties. The SBSTA invited all Parties, research institutions and scientists engaged in this work to forward to the secretariat, through interested Parties, by 30 October 2007, written reports about the results of their work on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an in-session special side event at SBSTA 27 (December 2007) at which all Parties, research institutions and scientists engaged in this work could present their results. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 7 March 2008, their views on these and earlier results. It requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document.

7. The SBSTA agreed to complete the consideration of this agenda item once the scientific work is sufficiently completed, and indicated that it would like to be able to do this finally at SBSTA 28 (June 2008) or soon after.
