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**Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries**

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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Australia and New Zealand for co-hosting the second workshop<sup>1</sup> on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries, which was held in Cairns, Australia, from 7 to 9 March 2007. It also expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and Norway for providing financial support for the workshop.
2. The SBSTA took note of the reports of both workshops on this issue (FCCC/SBSTA/2006/10 and FCCC/SBSTA/2007/3).
3. The SBSTA agreed to continue its work on this matter at its twenty-seventh session (December 2007), on the basis of the draft text contained in the annex.
4. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2007, their views on issues related to further steps under the Convention related to reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries: approaches to stimulate action. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to compile these submissions for its consideration at its twenty-seventh session.

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<sup>1</sup> The first workshop on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries was held in Rome, Italy, from 30 August to 1 September 2006.

ANNEX

**Draft text for a decision on reducing emissions from deforestation  
in developing countries**

**Draft decision [-/CP.13]**

**Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 2, Article 3, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, Article 4, paragraphs 1(a), (b), (c) and (d), 3, 5 and 7,

*[Concerned about* the contribution of the emissions from deforestation to global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions,]

*Acknowledging* that forest degradation also leads to emissions, and needs to be addressed when reducing emissions from deforestation,

*[Recognizing* that efforts and actions to reduce deforestation, maintain, and conserve forest carbon stocks in developing countries, are already being taken,]

[Option 1:

*Recognizing* the need for specific policy approaches to address different national circumstances and multiple drivers of deforestation in order to increase effectiveness of efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries,

Option 2:

*Recognizing* the complexity of the problem, and that different national circumstances and multiple drivers of deforestation need to be addressed in order to increase the overall effect of efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries,]

*[Recognizing* the potential role of further actions to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries to help meet the ultimate objective of the Convention,]

*[Affirming* the urgent need to take further meaningful action to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries,]

*[Noting* that sustainable reduction of emissions from deforestation in developing countries requires stable and predictable availability of resources,]

*Recognizing* that reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries can promote co-benefits and may complement the aims and objectives of other relevant international conventions and agreements,

1. *Invites* Parties to further strengthen and support ongoing efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation on a voluntary basis;

2. *Encourages* all Parties, in a position to do so, to support capacity-building and technical assistance, and facilitate transfer of technology, to improve, among other things, data collection, estimation of emissions from deforestation, monitoring and reporting, and to address the institutional needs of developing countries to estimate and reduce emissions from deforestation;

3. *[Further encourages* Parties to explore a range of actions, identify options, and undertake efforts, including pilot activities to address the drivers of deforestation relevant to their national circumstances with a view to reducing emissions from deforestation;]

4. *[Invites* Parties, in particular Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, to mobilise resources to support capacity-building and efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation;]

5. *Encourages* the use of the most recent reporting guidelines<sup>1</sup> as a basis for reporting greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, noting also that Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention are encouraged to apply the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change good practice guidance;<sup>2</sup>

#### **Option 1 for para 6**

6. *[Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake further methodological work relating to a range of actions including efforts to assess the effectiveness of actions in relation to policy approaches and positive incentives, to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries, taking [into account] [note of], [as appropriate,] the views expressed in relevant documents (Footnote 1). The work should include:

- (a) Submissions from Parties by 21 March 2008 on proposed solutions to outstanding methodological issues (Footnote 2), including, inter alia, issues associated with [national] [and subnational] reference emissions levels from deforestation, as a well as information gathered and experiences learned in relation to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above;
- (b) Requesting the secretariat to organize, subject to availability of supplementary funding, a workshop on potential solutions to outstanding methodological issues and experiences learned in relation to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, before its [twenty-ninth] session (December 2008) and to prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at that session;

- Footnote 1:  
FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.2 and Add.1; FCCC/SBSTA/2007/3, [paragraphs 25 to 86]
- Footnote 2:  
Consideration of these methodologies could include whether the emission reductions are real, demonstrable, transparent, verifiable, results based, and independently peer reviewed.]

#### **Option 2 for para 6**

6. *[Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake further methodological work relating to a range of actions to reduce emissions from deforestation in developing countries. The work should include:

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of this decision, the current reporting guidelines for national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention are found in decision 17/CP.8.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 13/CP.9.

- (a) Submissions from Parties by 21 March 2008 on proposed solutions to outstanding methodological issues including efforts to assess the effectiveness of actions, as a well as information gathered and experiences learned in relation to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above;
- (b) Requesting the secretariat to organize, subject to availability of supplementary funding, a workshop on potential solutions to outstanding methodological issues and experiences learned in relation to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, before its [twenty-ninth] session (December 2008) and to prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at that session;]

7. [Invites relevant organizations and stakeholders, without prejudice to any future decision of the Conference of the Parties on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries, to participate in and/or support, the implementation of activities to reduce emissions from deforestation referred to in this decision, and to share the outcomes of these efforts with the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice by providing corresponding information to the secretariat, by xx September 2008, for compilation in appropriate documentation prior to the twenty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;]

(Note: the timing is subject to final outcome of paras. 6 (b) and 8)

8. [Decides to address, at a future session, as soon as possible, the range of policy approaches and positive incentives as proposed by Parties<sup>3</sup> on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries and to also include consideration of this matter in the context of any discussions on future international cooperation on climate change, taking into account any other relevant work under the Convention.]

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.2 and Add.1; FCCC/SBSTA/2007/3, paragraphs 25–86.