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1. Opening of the session

1. The twenty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) is scheduled to be opened by the Chair on Monday, 1 December 2008.

2. Organizational matters

- (a) Adoption of the agenda
2. The provisional agenda for the session will be presented for adoption.

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- (b) Organization of the work of the session
3. *Background:* The twenty-ninth session of the SBSTA will be held from Monday, 1 December to Wednesday, 10 December 2008.¹ A detailed schedule of the session will be posted on the UNFCCC website.
4. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its twenty-fourth session,² recommended that meetings should normally end by 6 p.m. but may, in exceptional circumstances, continue to no later than 9 p.m. The session will be organized taking into account this limitation of available meeting time. Priority will be given to issues requiring a decision or action at SBSTA 29, the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) or the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). Items that are not concluded at this session will be forwarded to the SBSTA at its thirtieth session.
5. Given that six bodies will be meeting during the sessional period, the time available for contact groups and informal consultations will be very limited. To maximize the use of meeting time, the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies may, where possible and appropriate, propose that the co-chairs of negotiating groups facilitate agreement by tabling initial draft conclusions at the first meeting of the negotiating

¹ See FCCC/CP/2008/1, annex 1, for an overview of the proposed schedule of meetings during the sessional period.

² FCCC/SBI/2006/11, paragraph 102.

groups, based on relevant submissions and statements made during plenary meetings, and taking into account any previous negotiations and/or conclusions. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the SBI at its twenty-fourth session,³ representatives of Parties and international organizations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible. Those representatives wishing to make available a written statement should bring copies for distribution.

6. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to agree on the organization of the work of the session.

7. Parties are invited to refer to the overview of the session posted on the UNFCCC website and to consult the Daily Programme, published during the session, for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the SBSTA.

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(c) Election of officers other than the Chair

8. *Background:* Pursuant to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure⁴ being applied, the SBSTA shall elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. At the request of the President of the COP at its thirteenth session, consultations with the coordinators of the regional groups were initiated at SBSTA 28, together with the consultations on the election of members of the other Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies. If necessary, further consultations will be held during the session. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention or its Kyoto Protocol. The current officers of the SBSTA will remain in office until their successors are elected.

9. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur at the earliest opportunity following completion of consultations.

(d) Election of replacement officers

10. *Background:* Pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, when the SBSTA exercises its functions with regard to matters concerning the Kyoto Protocol, any member of its Bureau representing a State that is a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol. If necessary, further consultations with the coordinators of the regional groups will be undertaken.

11. *Action:* If necessary, the SBSTA will be invited to elect additional officers to replace the Vice-Chair and/or Rapporteur representing a State that is a Party to the Convention but not a Party to the Kyoto Protocol.

3. Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

12. *Background:* At its twenty-fifth session, the SBSTA agreed to implement the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change through the activities contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraphs 13–71. All mandated activities contained in that document were undertaken by its twenty-eighth session. A summary report consolidating the results of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for the period up to SBSTA 28 is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/12. At the same session, the SBSTA also agreed to consider,⁵ at its twenty-eighth session, further activities, as well as appropriate timing and modalities, for inclusion in the

³ FCCC/SBI/2006/11, paragraph 102.

⁴ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, paragraph 22.

Nairobi work programme in accordance with decision 2/CP.11, paragraph 6 (d). The activities to be undertaken and expected outputs from the Nairobi work programme up to SBSTA 33 are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraphs 10–74.

13. At its twenty-eighth session, the SBSTA agreed to provide,⁶ at its twenty-ninth session, relevant information and advice on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change arising from the implementation of the Nairobi work programme, for consideration by the SBI following consideration by the SBSTA of the summary report referred to in paragraph 12 above, in accordance with the annex to decision 2/CP.11 and the conclusions of the SBSTA at its twenty-fifth session.

14. At its twenty-eighth session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to provide a report, for consideration at its twenty-ninth session, on progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme, including calls for action.⁷ The report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.5. At the same session, the secretariat organized an in-session workshop on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling under the Nairobi work programme. The report of this workshop is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/9.

15. The SBSTA further requested the following activities to be undertaken before its twenty-ninth session:

- (a) Preparation of a technical paper on physical and socio-economic trends in climate-related risks and extreme events in the context of their implications for sustainable development, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable developing countries, especially the least developed countries and small island developing States.⁸
- (b) Preparation of a technical paper on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies, such as those included in the Hyogo Framework for Action,⁹ into national policies and programmes.¹⁰

16. The technical papers referred to in paragraph 15 (a) and (b) above are contained in documents FCCC/TP/2008/3 and FCCC/TP/2008/4, respectively.

17. At its twenty-seventh session, the SBSTA agreed to consider,¹¹ at its twenty-ninth session, the possible need for a group of experts, taking into account the outcome of its consideration of the activities completed by its twenty-eighth session, the future activities identified at the same session and the summary report referred to in paragraph 12 above. Views by Parties on that subject are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.25. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to prepare a report, for consideration at its twenty-ninth session, on lessons learned in involving experts in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. The report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/10.

18. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to:

- (a) Provide relevant information and advice arising from the implementation of the Nairobi work programme for consideration by the SBI, as referred to in paragraph 13 above;

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 22.

⁷ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 18.

⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 48.

⁹ <<http://www.unisdr.org/eng/hfa/hfa.htm>>.

¹⁰ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 56.

¹¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 21.

- (b) Consider the information contained in the progress report and technical papers, as referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above, respectively;
- (c) Consider the possible need for a group of experts, as referred to in paragraph 17 above.

<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/9</i>	<i>Report on the workshop on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/10</i>	<i>Lessons learned in involving experts in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/12</i>	<i>Summary of the results of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change for the period up to the twenty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. Note by the secretariat</i>
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<i>FCCC/TP/2008/4</i>	<i>Integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and strategies for disaster risk reduction into national policies and programmes. Technical paper</i>

4. Development and transfer of technologies

19. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 3/CP.13, requested the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) to provide a report at each session of the subsidiary bodies with a view to seeking guidance for further actions. The SBSTA and the SBI, at their twenty-eighth sessions, endorsed the rolling programme of work of the EGTT for 2008–2009. The EGTT will hold its second special meeting from 28 to 29 August 2008 in Accra, Ghana, and its second regular meeting from 21 to 23 October in Dublin, Ireland. The report on the implementation of the programme of work of the EGTT for 2008, including the outcomes of these meetings, is contained in document FCCC/SB/2008/INF.5.

20. The SBSTA, at its twenty-eighth session, also endorsed the terms of reference for the EGTT to develop performance indicators and to identify, analyse and assess financing resources and vehicles to support the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies.¹² At its first regular meeting held in May 2008, the EGTT developed and agreed on the terms of reference for elaborating a strategy paper for the long-term perspective beyond 2012, including sectoral approaches, to facilitate the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies under the Convention.¹³ As required by the terms of reference, the interim reports of the above-mentioned tasks by the EGTT, which may also provide input to the work under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), will be considered by the subsidiary bodies at their twenty-ninth sessions. These reports are contained in documents FCCC/SB/2008/INF.6, FCCC/SB/2008/INF.7 and FCCC/SB/2008/INF.8.

¹² FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.2.

¹³ <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/EGTTDoc/TOR_strategy_paper.pdf>.

21. In line with the conclusions of the SBI at its twenty-eighth session,¹⁴ the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI will propose how the subsidiary bodies will consider the issues of common interest in an efficient manner.

22. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to consider the three interim reports and the report of the EGTT for 2008, as listed below, and to provide further guidance to the EGTT on its work, as appropriate, taking into consideration related work of other subsidiary bodies.

FCCC/SB/2008/INF.5	<i>Report of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for 2008. Note by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer</i>
FCCC/SB/2008/INF.6	<i>Developing performance indicators to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the technology transfer framework. Interim report by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer</i>
FCCC/SB/2008/INF.7	<i>Identifying, analysing and assessing existing and potential new financing resources and relevant vehicles to support the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies. Interim report by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer</i>
FCCC/SB/2008/INF.8	<i>Developing a strategy paper for the long-term perspective beyond 2012, including sectoral approaches, to facilitate the development, deployment, diffusion and transfer of technologies under the Convention. Interim report by the Chair of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer</i>

5. Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries: approaches to stimulate action

23. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-eighth session, initiated its programme of work on methodological issues relating to a range of policy approaches and positive incentives for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries. It considered how to address outstanding methodological issues, taking note of the views submitted by Parties,¹⁵ and identified the main methodological issues for further consideration.¹⁶ As part of this programme of work, a workshop on methodological issues was held from 25 to 27 June 2008 in Tokyo, Japan. The report of the workshop is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/11.

24. As part of the consideration of enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change at the third session of the AWG-LCA,¹⁷ an in-session workshop will be held on: policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries. Further consideration of this matter is expected at the session.

25. *Action:* The SBSTA, taking into account the outcome of the workshop and the views of Parties referred to in paragraph 23 above, and the outcomes that it recognizes as methodologically relevant from the consideration by the AWG-LCA of the matter referred to in paragraph 24 above, will be invited to:

- (a) Complete its consideration of the outstanding methodological issues, on the basis of the annex referred to in footnote 16;

¹⁴ FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 124.

¹⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.4 and Add. 1–3.

¹⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, annex III.

¹⁷ decision 1/CP.13, paragraph 1 (b) (iii).

- (b) Report to the COP, at its fourteenth session, on the outcomes of the work referred to in paragraph 25 (a) above, including any recommendations on possible methodological approaches.

FCCC/SBSTA/2008/11 Report on the workshop on methodological issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries. Note by the secretariat

6. Research and systematic observation

26. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-seventh session,¹⁸ encouraged the Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS) secretariat and the sponsoring agencies of GTOS to finalize the assessment of the status of the development of standards for each of the essential climate variables in the terrestrial domain and invited the GTOS secretariat to report on progress to the SBSTA at its twenty-ninth session. The SBSTA also encouraged the GTOS secretariat and the sponsoring agencies of GTOS to continue developing the framework for the preparation of guidance materials, standards and reporting guidelines for terrestrial observing systems for climate in the way they consider most appropriate, making use of existing institutional bodies and processes, where appropriate, and taking into account that such a framework should meet certain criteria.¹⁹

27. It is expected that the GTOS secretariat will provide a report on progress in assessing the status of the development of standards for essential climate variables in the terrestrial domain, including on the framework for terrestrial climate-related observations. This report will be included in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.12.

28. At the same session,²⁰ the SBSTA invited the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) to provide, by its twenty-ninth session, an updated report on progress made in implementing actions in response to the implementation plan of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS). It is expected that the CEOS will provide such a progress report; this will be included in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.11.

29. At its twenty-third session,²¹ the SBSTA requested the secretariat of the GCOS to provide, at its thirtieth session, a comprehensive report on progress made with the GCOS implementation plan.^{22, 23} It also invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 September 2008, additional information on their national activities with respect to implementing this plan. The secretariat will post such additional information received by Parties on the UNFCCC website.

¹⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraphs 39–40.

¹⁹ For the criteria identified by the SBSTA see FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 40 (a–e).

²⁰ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 41.

²¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2005/10, paragraphs 94–95 and FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 36.

²² The request to provide the report by SBSTA 30 preceded the conclusions of the SBI at its twenty-fourth session, which recommended that the topics under the research and systematic observation item be considered under the SBSTA on an alternating basis (see FCCC/SBI/2006/11, para. 109 (a)). Following this recommendation, the SBSTA has considered issues relating to research during the first sessional period, and issues relating to systematic observation during the second sessional period, of each year.

²³ Should the report not be considered at SBSTA 30, its consideration would take place during SBSTA 31, which will coincide with COP 15 when time management may be challenging.

30. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the reports provided by the GTOS secretariat and the CEOS, but taking into account relevant conclusions of the SBI at its twenty-eighth session,²⁴ and after consultations with the President of the COP and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the SBSTA will also be invited to defer consideration of these reports to the thirtieth session of the SBSTA in order to consider them together with the related comprehensive report on progress made with the GCOS implementation plan referred to in paragraph 29 above.

<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.11</i>	<i>Updated report by the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites on progress by space agencies involved in global observations in implementing actions in response to the Global Climate Observing System implementation plan. Submission from the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.12</i>	<i>Progress in assessing the status of the development of standards for essential climate variables in the terrestrial domain. Submission from the secretariat of the Global Terrestrial Observing System</i>

7. Methodological issues under the Convention

(a) Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;

31. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 12/CP.9, requested the secretariat to prepare an annual report on inventory review activities, including any recommendations resulting from lead reviewers' meetings, for consideration by the SBSTA. The SBSTA, at its twenty-fourth session,²⁵ requested the secretariat to continue to prepare annual reports on inventory review activities, for consideration by the SBSTA, and to include in these reports information on the progress made in updating the roster of experts. The latest report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.4 and provides information on the reviews conducted in 2008, recommendations from the lead reviewers' meeting, training activities for inventory review experts and an update on the roster of experts.

32. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to consider the information provided with a view to providing additional guidance on the review activities, as appropriate.

<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.4</i>	<i>Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Note by the secretariat</i>
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(b) Greenhouse gas data interface

33. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-seventh session, welcomed the progress made by the secretariat in providing a simple and user-friendly greenhouse gas (GHG) data interface²⁶ and noted with appreciation that the secretariat completed its work before SBSTA 27. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its twenty-ninth session, matters relating to the further development of the interface with a view to evaluating progress and determining further steps, including the possibility of including information related to the Kyoto Protocol in the interface.

²⁴ See FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 124, which noted concerns raised by Parties with regard to time management at COP 14 and CMP 4, and requested the President of the COP and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to continue to develop practices to facilitate the organization of the intergovernmental process and ensure the success of COP 14 and CMP 4.

²⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/5, paragraph 95.

²⁶ Available at <http://unfccc.int/ghg_data/items/3800.php>.

34. *Action:* Taking into account relevant conclusions of the SBI at its twenty-eighth session,²⁷ and after consultations with the President of the COP and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the SBSTA will be invited to defer consideration of this sub-item to SBSTA 30.

(c) Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport

35. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-eighth session, recognized the need to continue the cooperation and exchange of information between the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the UNFCCC. The SBSTA agreed to receive relevant information from ICAO and IMO in order to enable Parties to exchange views on this matter during the twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the SBSTA and to continue to consider this item at SBSTA 32.²⁸

36. *Action:* The SBSTA may invite Parties to exchange views on the information provided by ICAO and IMO on their work concerning GHG emission reductions as it relates to this agenda sub-item.

8. Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol

(a) Implications of the establishment of new hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 (HCFC-22) facilities seeking to obtain certified emission reductions for the destruction of hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23);

37. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-eighth session, noted that the CMP recognized, in its decision 8/CMP.1, that issuing certified emission reductions for the destruction of hydrofluorocarbon 23 (HFC-23) at new hydrochlorofluorocarbon 22 (HCFC-22) facilities could lead to higher global production of HCFC-22 and/or HFC-23 than would otherwise occur and that the clean development mechanism (CDM) should not lead to such increases.

38. The SBSTA did not complete its consideration of the issue under this agenda sub-item and agreed to continue its consideration of this issue at its twenty-ninth session.

39. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to continue its consideration of the issue.

(b) Carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities.

40. *Background:* The CMP, at its second session, invited intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide information to the secretariat on several issues concerning the consideration of carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) as CDM project activities.²⁹ The CMP also invited Parties to make submissions to the secretariat on CCS in geological formations as CDM project activities, taking into account the submissions from IGOs and NGOs. The CMP requested the SBSTA to prepare, at its twenty-seventh session, recommendations on CCS in geological formations as CDM project activities for consideration by the CMP at its third session, with a view to taking a decision at its fourth session.³⁰

41. The SBSTA, at its twenty-seventh session, noted that the CMP requested the Executive Board of the CDM to continue to consider proposals for new methodologies, including project design documents

²⁷ See footnote 24.

²⁸ FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraphs 118–119.

²⁹ Decision 1/CMP.2, paragraphs 21–22.

³⁰ Decision 1/CMP.2, paragraph 24.

for CCS in geological formations as CDM project activities and that the approval of such methodologies for use for CDM project activities by the Executive Board can occur only after further guidance from the CMP.³¹

42. At the same session, the SBSTA took note of and considered the submissions from Parties and accredited NGOs³² and agreed to request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report that highlights the technical, methodological, legal and policy issues contained in these submissions, for consideration at its twenty-eighth session. This information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.1.

43. The SBSTA, at the same session, invited Parties, IGOs and accredited NGOs to submit to the secretariat their views on, and including but not limited to, technological, methodological, legal, policy and financial issues additional to those referred to in paragraph 40 above, and in particular reflecting the informal discussions that took place during SBSTA 27, highlighting the particular concerns of Parties.³³ This information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.10.³⁴ It further requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report based on these submissions. This information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.3. This synthesis report, along with the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 42 above, shall be considered by the SBSTA at its twenty-ninth session.

44. The SBSTA considered this issue, including document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.1, at its twenty-eighth session, but could not conclude its consideration of the issue at that session.

45. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to consider the two synthesis reports referred to in paragraphs 42 and 43 above and to prepare recommendations on CCS in geological formations as CDM project activities for consideration by the CMP at its fourth session.

<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.1</i>	<i>Synthesis of views on issues relevant to the consideration of carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/INF.3</i>	<i>Synthesis of views on technological, methodological, legal, policy and financial issues relevant to the consideration of carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as project activities under the clean development mechanism. Note by the secretariat</i>
<i>FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.10</i>	<i>Views on technological, methodological, legal, policy and financial issues relevant to the consideration of carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as project activities under the clean development mechanism. Submissions from Parties</i>

9. Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

46. *Background:* The SBSTA, at its twenty-seventh session, agreed to conclude its consideration of the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) under this agenda item at SBSTA 29.³⁵ In response to a request by the SBSTA at its twenty-seventh session, the secretariat organized a workshop on the AR4 at SBSTA 28, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and with the participation of IPCC experts.³⁶ The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to

³¹ Decision 1/CMP.2, paragraph 19.

³² FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.18 and Add.1 and 2; the submissions from NGOs are available at <http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/ngo/items/3689.php>.

³³ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 97.

³⁴ Information from IGOs and NGOs are available at <http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/ngo/items/3689.php>.

³⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 53.

³⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 50.

prepare a report of the workshop for the information of Parties.³⁷ This information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2008/8.

47. *Action:* The SBSTA may invite Parties to consider information contained in this report, as listed below. The SBSTA is expected to conclude its consideration of this agenda item.

FCCC/SBSTA/2008/8	<i>Report on the workshop on the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Note by the secretariat</i>
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10. Matters relating to Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

48. *Background:* At previous sessions of the SBSTA, Parties had not been able to reach agreement on how to proceed with the negotiations on this item. At its twenty-eighth session, the SBSTA considered this item by means of consultations. In the course of these consultations, agreement was reached to consider this agenda item with the SBI agenda item “Matters relating to Article 3, paragraph 14, of the Kyoto Protocol” in a joint contact group set up by the SBSTA and the SBI.

49. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to consider this matter with a view to agreeing on further action.

11. Other matters

Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

50. *Background:* The COP, by its decision 14/CP.8, decided to change the frequency of the preparation and consideration of the synthesis report on activities implemented jointly (AIJ) under the pilot phase from annual to biennial. The COP, by the same decision, requested the secretariat to make available to the SBSTA and the SBI, at their sessions taking place in conjunction with the COP, updates of information submitted.

51. The COP, by its decision 6/CP.12, decided to continue the pilot phase for AIJ. It further decided that the deadline for submission of reports on AIJ under the pilot phase, to be considered in the eighth synthesis report, shall be 1 June 2008.

52. As no new information on projects on AIJ under the pilot phase was received, the secretariat has not prepared the eighth synthesis report as requested by the COP. One Party expressed the wish to continue to support AIJ under the pilot phase. The secretariat will provide an oral update of the activities.

53. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to take note of the oral update provided by the secretariat and to agree on appropriate action.

12. Report on the session

54. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the SBSTA at the end of the session.

55. *Action:* The SBSTA will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

³⁷ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 52.

Annex**Documents before the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice at its twenty-ninth session****Documents prepared for the session**

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