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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the information provided, in response to the invitation by the SBSTA at its twenty-sixth session,<sup>1</sup> by regional and international climate change research programmes and organizations (hereinafter referred to as research programmes and organizations) on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention.<sup>2</sup>
2. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation for the valuable information, in particular on emerging scientific findings, provided by the representatives of research programmes and organizations<sup>3</sup> and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) during the informal discussion on developments in research activities relevant to the needs of the Convention,<sup>4</sup> which took place as part of the dialogue between Parties and research programmes and organizations in the context of decision 9/CP.11.
3. The SBSTA emphasized the usefulness of continuing and further enhancing this dialogue, including through broadening the participation of relevant regional research organizations. To this end, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, prior to SBSTA 30 (June 2009), a list of international and regional programmes and organizations active in areas of research relevant to climate change, and to post this list on the UNFCCC website.
4. The SBSTA agreed that meetings under this dialogue during future sessions of the SBSTA should allow further in-depth consideration to be given to developments in the activities outlined in document FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, paragraph 47 (a–f), and invited the research programmes and

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, paragraph 47.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2008/MISC.8 and Add.1.

<sup>3</sup> Earth System Science Partnership, World Climate Research Programme, International Geosphere–Biosphere Programme, International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change, DIVERSITAS, Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research and Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research.

<sup>4</sup> The informal discussion was held on 5 June 2008 and chaired by the Chair of the SBSTA. The agenda, the presentations by the research programmes and organizations, and the summary by the Chair are available at: <<http://unfccc.int/4422.php>>.

organizations to continue to provide information pertaining to these activities at the thirtieth and subsequent sessions of the SBSTA. It also requested the secretariat to inform Parties about the presentations of emerging scientific findings provided by the research programmes and organizations during sessions of the SBSTA. The SBSTA noted that these research programmes and organizations could further facilitate the dialogue through additional informal discussions with Parties and make use of the opportunities afforded by planned meetings outside the UNFCCC process. The SBSTA invited the research programmes and organizations to notify the secretariat of any such additional informal discussions and requested the secretariat to make such notifications available on the UNFCCC website.

5. The SBSTA recognized the substantial challenges in the areas of research and related observations emerging from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4), the UNFCCC workshops and expert meetings on the AR4 and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and the ongoing research dialogue in the context of decision 9/CP.11. The SBSTA encouraged Parties and the research programmes and organizations to further strengthen their efforts to address these challenges.

6. The SBSTA stressed the need to enhance research and related institutional capacity, in particular in developing countries, through individual, bilateral and multilateral actions and/or through the research programmes and organizations. The SBSTA emphasized the need to enhance research activities aimed at supporting adaptation efforts, as identified by the ongoing work under the Nairobi work programme.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2008/L.xx (conclusions on SBSTA agenda item 3 - Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change).