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Agenda item 7 (b)

Methodological issues under the Convention

Greenhouse gas data interface

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the progress made by the secretariat in further developing the greenhouse gas (GHG) data interface, including annual updates of inventory data reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), the integration of inventory data reported by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in their national communications, and the provision of access through the interface to activity data and implied emission factors as reported to the secretariat,¹ population and gross domestic product (GDP) data² and national emissions data for the base year under the Kyoto Protocol for those Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.³ The SBSTA acknowledged that the GHG data interface has become a useful and versatile tool that is actively used for viewing and retrieving GHG inventory data provided by Parties under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.
2. The SBSTA noted that owing to the lack of resources, the secretariat has not yet included in the interface a function to provide, in a simple and user-friendly form, the facility to calculate user-defined indicators from the emissions, population and GDP data available through the interface.⁴
3. The SBSTA, responding to the request by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its fourth session,⁵ considered means of providing online access to information contained in the compilation and accounting database. The SBSTA found that the integration of such information into the interface is technically feasible, and requested the secretariat to include this information in the interface before the thirty-third session of the SBSTA, subject to the availability of resources.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, paragraph 65.

² As footnote 1 above.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 75.

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16, paragraph 74.

⁵ FCCC/KP/CMP/2008/11, paragraph 80.

4. The SBSTA noted that the lack of resources has become a constraint for the implementation of some functions of the interface. It urged Parties in a position to do so to provide resources for the development of the interface. The SBSTA recommended that further improvements to the interface be prioritized in line with the following guiding principles:

- (a) Continue to update GHG data reported by Annex I Parties in their national inventories and by non-Annex I Parties in their national communications;
- (b) Continue to develop and improve the quality assurance/quality control procedures in order to minimize errors, inconsistencies and gaps in the interface;
- (c) Explore possible ways in which the interface could be updated more frequently in order to correct errors;
- (d) Include information from the compilation and accounting database as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

5. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its thirty-third session, matters relating to the interface with a view to evaluating progress and determining next steps.
