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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2009/INF.2 and its annex on activities relating to the review of information submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) under the Convention on greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventories, which includes information on planned and prioritized activities to manage the reporting and review processes for 2010–2011.
2. The SBSTA re-emphasized the urgent need to strengthen the secretariat's capacity to manage the reporting and review processes (including the training of GHG inventory review experts, planning and conducting the reviews, organizing the lead reviewers' meetings and the further development of the GHG information system) and to prioritize these fundamental activities.<sup>1</sup>
3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to support the reporting and review processes by implementing the following activities:
  - (a) Facilitate the work of the lead reviewers, including by organizing their annual meetings;
  - (b) Develop and implement the updated training programme under the Convention referred to in paragraph 10 below, including by organizing an annual training seminar;
  - (c) Manage the reporting and review processes, including through the provision of data reports and review tools to the expert review teams (ERTs) and by improving these reports and tools based on feedback from ERTs and lead reviewers.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2008/13, paragraph 66.

4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to implement the following additional activities, subject to the availability of resources:

- (a) Enhance the training activities, including by organizing regional training seminars and developing new online training courses and seminars for experienced GHG inventory review experts, as well as creating an additional post at Professional level for an officer responsible for training activities;
- (b) Strengthen its capacity to manage and improve the review process, including enhanced secretarial support to review activities and creating an additional post at Professional level for an officer responsible for quality assurance of review activities;
- (c) Prepare enhanced input of analytical materials on methodological and guideline-related issues for the lead reviewers' meetings;
- (d) Facilitate consultations and communication among lead reviewers on complex issues, using various means, including by planning and developing a 'virtual team room', that will also facilitate consultations and communication among GHG inventory review experts during the review process.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in implementing the activities referred to in paragraph 4 above, to give priority to the enhanced training activities and the quality assurance of review activities.

6. The SBSTA invited Annex I Parties in a position to do so to provide the necessary supplementary funding for the activities referred to in paragraph 4 above.

7. The SBSTA reiterated its request to Parties to nominate experts to the roster of experts and to update the roster at least once a year. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to make available as many GHG inventory review experts as feasible for the review process.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to add a dedicated page on its website with information on the training for GHG inventory review experts under the Convention, including procedures for the nomination of experts to the roster of experts, scheduled courses and examinations.

9. The SBSTA requested lead reviewers to consider, at their next meeting, the need to provide more guidance to new GHG inventory review experts on approaches to conducting reviews, including differences in the level of detail between different types of reviews, and ways to provide this guidance to new GHG inventory review experts.

10. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on the training programme for GHG inventory review experts for the technical review of GHG inventories of Annex I Parties, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth session (for the text of the decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2009/L.7/Add.1).

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