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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report¹ on the second workshop of the work programme on revising the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories” (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines), held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 4 November 2010, which was organized by the secretariat as requested by the SBSTA at its thirtieth session.²
2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) expert meeting convened on harvested wood products, wetlands and nitrous oxide (N₂O) from soils in response to the invitation of the SBSTA at its thirty-second session.³
3. The SBSTA welcomed the contribution of the IPCC to the workshop mentioned in paragraph 1 above in reporting the outcomes of IPCC expert meetings on the following topics:
 - (a) Revisiting the use of managed land as a proxy for estimating national anthropogenic emissions and removals;
 - (b) Use of models and measurements in greenhouse gas inventories;
 - (c) Harvested wood products, wetlands and N₂O emissions from soils.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/INF.10.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2009/3, paragraph 105.

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2010/6, paragraph 69.

4. The SBSTA took note of the summary of the co-chairs of the IPCC expert meeting on harvested wood products, wetlands and N₂O emissions from soils.⁴ Noting that science has developed in some areas with regard to wetlands, the SBSTA invited the IPCC to undertake further methodological work on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland, with a view to filling in the gaps in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (hereinafter referred to as the 2006 IPCC Guidelines) in these areas and to complete this work for the thirty-ninth session of the SBSTA.
5. The SBSTA took note of the additional views submitted by Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2010/MISC.7 and Add. 1–3 on the revision of the UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines.
6. The SBSTA noted that the 2006 IPCC Guidelines have merged the methodological guidance of the agriculture sector and the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector into a methodological guidance of a new sector: agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU). The SBSTA agreed that, in the revised UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines, the agriculture sector and the LULUCF sector should continue to be separate as in the current UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines. The SBSTA further agreed that separate reporting of agriculture and LULUCF requires an allocation of the AFOLU categories in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines to the agriculture and LULUCF sectors with a view to ensuring completeness and avoiding duplication of reporting of individual categories and/or sub-categories. The SBSTA also agreed that this may include revisiting the allocation of categories in the current UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines.
7. The SBSTA also agreed that Parties included in Annex I to the Convention should continue reporting precursor gases.
8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of resources, a third workshop under the work programme, to be held in early 2011. It agreed that the workshop should address the annotated draft of the revised UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines. It further agreed that the report on the workshop shall be considered by the SBSTA at its thirty-fourth session.
9. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of resources, a fourth workshop under the work programme, to be held in the second half of 2011.
10. In addition, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to initiate, subject to the availability of resources, the preparatory work on upgrading the common reporting format (CRF) software (i.e. CRF Reporter) with a view to completing this work by October 2012, subject to a decision being taken on the CRF tables by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session.

⁴ <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/meeting/pdffiles/1010_CoChairsSummary_Geneva.pdf>.