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Work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews for developed country parties

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) initiated its consideration of the work programme on the revision of the guidelines for the review of biennial reports and national communications, including national inventory reviews, for developed country Parties (hereinafter referred to as the review guidelines), with a view to completing this work by the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP).
2. The SBSTA acknowledged that in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, biennial reports from developed country Parties are due on 1 January 2014 and that the first round of international assessment and review should commence two months after the submission of the first round of biennial reports.
3. The SBSTA also acknowledged that Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) are requested to submit their sixth national communications by 1 January 2014, and to submit their annual national inventories using the revised “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories”¹ in their 2015 annual submissions.
4. The SBSTA agreed that in revising the review guidelines, Parties should take into account experience with the reporting and review of information under the Convention and the need to have a cost-effective, efficient and practical review process that does not impose an excessive burden on Parties or the secretariat.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/9.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper summarizing the current review processes under the Convention and the secretariat's experience with coordinating reviews of national communications and annual greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I Parties for consideration by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.
6. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views, by 15 September 2012, on the elements of the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above and on the timeline of proposed activities, as well as on the key elements of the revision of the review guidelines for the review of biennial reports from developed country Parties and national communications, including national greenhouse gas inventories, from Annex I Parties, taking into consideration experience from current review practices.
7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis paper of Parties' submissions as an input to the discussion by the SBSTA at its thirty-seventh session.
8. The SBSTA agreed, given the need to complete the work by the COP at its nineteenth session, to further consider, at its thirty-seventh session, the work programme on the revision of review guidelines, including the organization of technical workshops.
9. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications, as provided by the secretariat, to implement the actions requested in paragraphs 5 and 7.
10. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of resources.
