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Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. Responding to the request from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP),¹ the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) initiated work to assess and address the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol adopted by the CMP, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol.
2. The SBSTA acknowledged the importance of the technical work under this agenda sub-item for the implementation of the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol. It noted that the initial assessment indicated that there is a considerable amount of work to be done on several decisions on methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol, which should be addressed.
3. To facilitate further progress on this agenda sub-item in 2012, the SBSTA:
 - (a) Requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper that includes a comprehensive identification of the implications of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous CMP decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8, building on the presentations made by the secretariat to the SBSTA at its thirty-sixth session and discussions by Parties at that session, and to indicate the technical issues that are relevant to implement these decisions in the second commitment period. The technical paper should include options to address the relevant

¹ Decision 1/CMP.7, paragraph 9.

methodological decisions, with annotations explaining the rationale for these suggested options and the relationship of the suggested options to decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7. This would include identification of paragraphs in methodological decisions where further guidance from Parties is needed. Where applicable, the implications identified should be clustered into generic categories with the aim of ensuring a consistent approach across decisions. The secretariat may also address technical issues arising from the implementation of previous CMP decisions on methodological issues identified in the first commitment period. The technical paper will provide the basis for discussions by participants at the technical workshop mentioned in paragraph 3(d) below. It will also be made available for consideration by Parties at the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA. The technical paper should be available by 1 September 2012;

(b) Invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 21 September 2012, their views on the implications of the implementation of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 on the previous CMP decisions on methodological issues related to the Kyoto Protocol, including those relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, and on how these implications should be addressed;

(c) Requested the secretariat to make these submissions available on the UNFCCC website and to compile them into a miscellaneous document before the workshop referred to in paragraph 3(d) below;

(d) Further requested the secretariat to organize a technical workshop, to be held before the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA, with the aim of facilitating progress in the consideration of this agenda sub-item at that session to discuss the technical paper referred to in paragraph 3(a) above and to consider Parties' views referred to in paragraph 3(b) above. It requested the secretariat to prepare a report on the workshop before the thirty-seventh session of the SBSTA.

4. The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its thirty-seventh session, consideration on this agenda sub-item, taking into account the technical paper referred to in paragraph 3(a) above, the submissions from Parties referred to in paragraph 3(b) above and the report from the workshop referred to in paragraph 3(d) above, with a view to preparing draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its eighth session. It also agreed, if appropriate, to develop further elements of this agenda sub-item to be implemented in 2013, with a view to preparing further draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the CMP at its ninth session.

5. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scoping meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1–4 May 2012 in response to the invitation in decision 2/CMP.7 on the work of the IPCC to review and, if necessary, update supplementary methodologies for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from land use, land-use change and forestry activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, on the basis of, inter alia, chapter 4 of its *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry*.

6. The SBSTA considered the timeline in decision 2/CMP.7 for completion of the work of the IPCC referred to in paragraph 5 above and its subsequent consideration by the SBSTA with a view to forwarding a decision on the matter to the CMP at its tenth session. It noted with concern that this timeline would not allow for the methodological guidance to be adopted in time for the inventory submissions by 15 April 2015, the due date for the inventory submissions for the first year under the second commitment period. Therefore, the SBSTA invited the IPCC to consider the possibility of completing the work on the methodological guidance within a revised time frame, by October 2013, to allow for adoption of a decision on this matter by the CMP at its ninth session.

7. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in paragraph 3(d) above be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.