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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the views submitted by Parties¹ on the need to improve the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and to consider existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives, including a body, a board or a committee. They also took note of the views submitted by admitted observer organizations.²

2. The SBSTA and the SBI further took note of the report on the in-session workshop³ on the matter referred to in paragraph 1 above, which was held in Bonn, Germany, on

¹ FCCC/SB/2013/MISC.3 and Add.1.

² Available at <<http://unfccc.int/7481>>.

³ More information on the workshop is available at <<http://unfccc.int/7672>>.

7 June 2013.⁴ They expressed their appreciation to the European Commission and Norway for providing financial support for the workshop.

3. The SBSTA and the SBI advanced their work on the matter referred to in paragraph 1 above and agreed to invite the Conference of the Parties to provide further guidance at its nineteenth session in order to resolve outstanding issues.

4. The SBSTA and the SBI agreed to continue their work on the matter referred to in paragraph 1 above, on the basis of the annex to these conclusions, which contains elements for a possible draft decision.

⁴ FCCC/SB/2013/INF.6.

Annex

[English only]

Elements for a possible draft decision on coordination of support for the implementation of activities in relation to mitigation actions in the forest sector by developing countries, including institutional arrangements

[The Conference of the Parties

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 1/CP.18,

Noting the outcomes of the process as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraphs 34 and 35,

Recognizing the need for adequate and predictable support for the implementation of the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73,

Further recognizing the need for effective and transparent coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, and the challenges of accessing, disbursement and equitable distribution of financial resources and technical and technological support to developing country Parties for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70,

1. *Invites* interested Parties to designate a national entity or focal point to serve as a liaison with the UNFCCC and its relevant bodies, as appropriate, on coordination of support for the full implementation of activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, and to inform the secretariat on the specific responsibilities assigned to it, in accordance with national circumstances and sovereignty, including the identification of entities as appropriate, appointed to receive results-based payments;

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2. *Recognizing* that in order to coordinate the support for the implementation of the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, a number of functions were identified, such as:

(a) Strengthen, consolidate and enhance the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experiences and good practices, at the international level, taking into account national experiences and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;

(b) Identify and consider possible needs and gaps in coordination of support, taking into consideration relevant information communicated under the Convention and other multilateral and bilateral arrangements;

(c) Consider and provide opportunities to exchange information between the relevant bodies established under the Convention, other multilateral and bilateral entities financing and funding the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73 on actions, and support provided and received for these activities;

(d) Provide information and views on the elements contained in paragraphs a, b and c above when providing guidance to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the

Convention, on means to scale up and improve the effectiveness of finance, including results based finance, technology and capacity building needs of developing country Parties, when implementing activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73;

(e) Provide information, as requested, to entities including, bilateral, multilateral and private sector entities that finance and implement the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, and how these activities, including results-based actions, can be more effectively supported;

(f) Encourage other entities providing support, for the activities and elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73, to enhance efficiency, coordination and seek consistency with the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;

(g) Support the development of different approaches, including joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests considering the modalities of finance to be established, as agreed in paragraphs 14-20 of SBSTA 38, with a view to recommending a draft decision to the COP for adoption at its twentieth session;

[Option 1

3. *Encourages* national coordinating entities, Parties and relevant entities financing the activities referred to in decision 1/CP. 16, paragraph 70, to meet periodically and on a voluntary basis, in conjunction with the meetings of the subsidiary bodies in order to fulfil the functions identified in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Requests* the secretariat, under its guidance, to organize these meetings referred to in paragraph 3 above, subject to the availability of supplementary resources;

5. *Decides* that at the meetings referred to in paragraph 3 above, participants may seek input from relevant bodies established under the Convention, international and regional organizations, the private sector, indigenous peoples and civil society, in undertaking its work, and to invite them to participate in these meetings as experts on specific issues as they arise and as appropriate;

6. *Requests* the SBSTA and SBI, at their fortieth sessions, to jointly continue their consideration of existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including their functions, modalities, and procedures relating to the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 70, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session;

7. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 4 above;

8. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]

[Option 2

3. *Decides* to hereby establish a [REDD-plus body], as the overall advisory body to the Conference of the Parties to improve coherence and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 70, 71 and 73 under the Convention;

4. *Decides* that the [REDD-plus body] shall operate under the authority of, and be accountable to, the Conference of the Parties, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions;

5. *Affirms* that the [REDD-plus body] referred to in paragraph 6 above shall be based on voluntary participation of the national REDD-plus coordination entities referred to in paragraph 1 above;
6. *Decides* that the [REDD-plus body] should seek input from relevant bodies established under the Convention, international and regional organizations, the private sector, indigenous peoples and civil society, in undertaking its work, and to invite them to participate in its meetings as experts on specific issues as they arise and as appropriate;
7. *Requests* the SBSTA and SBI, at their fortieth session, to jointly initiate consideration of the functions and modalities and procedures relating to the [REDD-plus body] referred to in paragraph 6 above, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session.]

[Option 3

3. *Requests* the SBSTA and SBI, at their fortieth sessions, to jointly continue their consideration of existing institutional arrangements or potential governance alternatives including their functions, modalities, and procedures relating to the coordination of support for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16 paragraph 70, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session.]]
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