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Methodological issues under the Convention

**Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on
annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recalled the launch, at SBSTA 30, of a work programme for the revision of 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),¹ including the common reporting format tables. It recommended that the revised UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines be adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP), for regular use starting in 2015.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the timely completion of the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the *2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands* (hereinafter referred to as the supplementary guidance on wetlands), which was adopted and accepted by the IPCC at its thirty-seventh session, held in Batumi, Georgia, from 14 to 18 October 2013.
3. The SBSTA took note of the views submitted by Parties² on how to reflect the supplementary guidance on wetlands in the UNFCCC Annex I reporting guidelines and on the reporting of carbon dioxide emissions related to ammonia production and urea application.
4. The SBSTA agreed that Parties included in Annex I to the Convention need more time to consider the full scope of the supplementary guidance on wetlands. It agreed to continue discussions at SBSTA 46 (May 2017) to further explore the use of the guidance and invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 March 2017, information on their experience in the use of the guidance.

¹ FCCL/SBSTA/2009/3, paragraph 101.

² Available at <http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions_from_parties/items/5901.php>.

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make the submissions from Parties referred to in paragraph 4 above available on the UNFCCC website.
 6. The SBSTA agreed to further discuss the reporting of carbon dioxide emissions/removals relating to harvested wood products, taking into account Parties' experience in reporting on harvested wood products, including their experience in the use of the different approaches set out in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*. It also agreed to continue such discussions at SBSTA 46.
 7. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on 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 greenhouse gas inventories" for consideration and adoption at COP 19 (for the text of the decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2013/L.29/Add.1).
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