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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

#### *Safeguards*

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) completed its consideration of the need for further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected.
2. The SBSTA took note of the views submitted by developing country Parties,<sup>1</sup> as invited at SBSTA 38,<sup>2</sup> on experiences and lessons learned from their development of systems for providing information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected and the challenges they face in developing such systems.
3. The SBSTA also took note of the views submitted by Parties<sup>3</sup> and admitted observer organizations,<sup>4</sup> as requested at SBSTA 38,<sup>5</sup> on the type of information from systems for providing information on how all of the safeguards are being addressed and respected that would be helpful and that may be provided by developing country Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2014/MISC.6 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 29.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2014/MISC.7 and Add.1.

<sup>4</sup> The submissions from admitted observer organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7482>>.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2013/3, paragraph 30.

4. In its consideration of this matter, the SBSTA also recalled the outcomes of the expert meeting on guidance on systems for providing information on how safeguards for REDD-plus<sup>6</sup> activities are addressed and respected.<sup>7</sup>

5. The SBSTA welcomes the summaries of information being provided by developing country Parties on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

6. The SBSTA agreed to recommend a draft decision on further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.5/Add.1).

*Non-market-based approaches*

7. The SBSTA completed its consideration of the development of methodological guidance on non-market-based approaches such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests.<sup>8</sup> It took note of the report on the in-session expert meeting on methodological guidance for non-market-based approaches, which took place during SBSTA 40.<sup>9</sup>

8. The SBSTA agreed to recommend a draft decision on alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, for consideration and adoption at COP 21 (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.5/Add.2).

*Non-carbon benefits*

9. The SBSTA completed its consideration of methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.<sup>10</sup>

10. The SBSTA agreed to recommend a draft decision on methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, for consideration and adoption at COP 21 (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2015/L.5/Add.3).

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<sup>6</sup> In decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, the Conference of the Parties encouraged developing country Parties to contribute to mitigation actions in the forest sector by undertaking the following activities: reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

<sup>7</sup> For the report on the meeting, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.17.

<sup>8</sup> Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 39.

<sup>9</sup> For the report on the meeting, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.13.

<sup>10</sup> See decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 40.