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

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), in response to the mandate from the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session (decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 100), launched its consideration of advice on how the assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) can inform the global stocktake of the implementation of the Paris Agreement pursuant to its Article 14.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the in-session SBSTA–IPCC special event on advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake. It acknowledged the rich exchange of information that took place.
3. The SBSTA acknowledged the importance of the outputs of IPCC assessment cycles for the global stocktake, which will contribute to the scientific integrity of the global stocktake. It noted the importance of the effective communication of the results of the work of the IPCC to the UNFCCC, bearing in mind that the type, scope and timing of the IPCC reports is decided by the IPCC. It welcomed the decision of the IPCC to take the outcomes of COP 21 into account when determining the IPCC programme of work and products for the sixth IPCC assessment cycle.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> IPCC decision IPCC/XLIII-5. Available at <[http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43\\_decisions.pdf](http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43_decisions.pdf)>.

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4. The SBSTA welcomed IPCC decisions IPCC/XLIII-6, IPCC/XLIII-7 and IPCC/XLIII-8,<sup>2</sup> enumerating the forthcoming products of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle, including an IPCC Special Report to be produced in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, to be prepared in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, which will have relevance to the first global stocktake.
5. The SBSTA noted that, in relation to advice on how the IPCC assessments can inform the global stocktake, lessons can be learned from past experience.<sup>3</sup> It invited Parties and observer organizations, taking relevant experience into account, to submit by 12 September 2016 their views on advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake, bearing in mind the time frame of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle.<sup>4</sup>
6. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBSTA 45 (November 2016), bearing in mind the relevant work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement on the global stocktake.

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<sup>2</sup> Entitled “Sixth Assessment Report. Products. Special Reports”; “Sixth Assessment Report. Products. Strategic Planning”; and “Update of Methodologies on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories”, respectively. Available at <[http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43\\_decisions.pdf](http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session43/p43_decisions.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> In particular the activities relating to the 2013–2015 review, taking into account successes and shortcomings.

<sup>4</sup> Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5900>>. Observer organizations should e-mail their submissions to <[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)>.