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Proposal by the President

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-first session, was unable to reach agreement on a text for a draft decision, and forwarded the draft text^{*} to the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) for appropriate action. After holding consultation on the draft text, the President of the COP proposed the following draft decision for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.

Draft decision -/CP.10

Development and transfer of technologies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling chapter 34 of Agenda 21 on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and the relevant provisions of the plan of implementation adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in August 2002,

Recalling also to the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4,

Recalling its decisions 11/CP.1, 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 9/CP.5, 4/CP.7 and 10/CP.8,

^{*} FCCC/SBSTA/2004/L.28/Add.1.

Welcoming progress in the work of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer on enhancing the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention and in advancing technology transfer activities under the Convention as mandated by decision 4/CP.7, taking particular note of the technical paper on enabling environments for technology transfer¹ and the workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies²,

Agreeing that issues relating to the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention on the development and transfer of, or access to, environmentally sound technologies and know-how is a continuing process, and that, inter alia, the assessments of technologies, of terms of access, and of technology needs of Parties will continue to be undertaken under the Convention, to ensure that further substantive progress is made,

Agreeing also that the implementation of the commitment of developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II to the Convention as stated in Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention are essential conditions for the effective implementation by developing country Parties of their commitments under the Convention;

1. *Urges* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention (Annex II Parties) to continue to provide and where possible increase financial and technical support for the development and enhancement of the endogenous capacities and technologies of developing country Parties;

2. *Requests* the Expert Group on Technology Transfer to make recommendations for enhancing implementation of the framework for effective and meaningful actions to enhance the implementation of the Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention prior to the twenty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice including, innovative public and/or private partnerships, enhanced cooperation with the private sector, cooperation with the relevant conventions and intergovernmental processes, and medium- and long-term planning of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer, based on terms of reference for these recommendations to be agreed upon at the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (May 2005) with a view that the outcome of this work would provide inputs towards the review of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session (November 2006) in accordance with decision 4/CP.7 including possible revision of key themes in the existing framework.

3. *Decides* to encourage Parties to explore the opportunity for further joint research and development programmes/projects between Annex II Parties and Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention for the development of environmentally sound technologies to respond to the requirements of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention;

4. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue its work on a pilot project on networking between TT:CLEAR and national and regional technology information centres that would provide Parties with a clear understanding of the technical feasibility and cost implications of the strengthening of technology centres in developing countries and to report on the outcome to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its twenty-third session (November 2005).

¹ FCCC/TP/2003/2.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2004/11.