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1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the paper on options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio Conventions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.19, which was prepared jointly by the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the UNFCCC, and the submissions from Parties, contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/MISC.4, providing views, suggestions and recommendations and acknowledging the limits of the options contained in that paper.
2. The SBSTA took note of a written statement by the Executive Secretary of the CBD giving information on the outcomes of the eighth session of the Conference of Parties of the CBD on issues relating to the UNFCCC, including the availability of the report of the CBD Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Adaptation to Climate Change, and to the work of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG).
3. The SBSTA recognized that cooperation at the national level, including through the national focal points, provides the greatest opportunities for efficient and effective cooperation on issues of relevance to the three Rio Conventions. Also noting that Parties set their own priorities regarding the conventions, the SBSTA encouraged Parties in their efforts to improve and facilitate cooperation at the national level, bearing in mind the independent mandates of each Convention. The SBSTA noted that Parties keep in mind any cross-cutting issues between the three Rio Conventions in their consideration of agenda items in which such issues occur.
4. The SBSTA welcomed the ongoing collaborative outreach activities of the three Rio Convention secretariats, including the progress made in improving accessibility of related information and data from their websites, and noted the important role of the JLG in promoting information exchange, including on activities relating to technology transfer, capacity-building and experiences from the national capacity self assessments.
5. The SBSTA took note of the oral report by the secretariat on the outcome of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 14) with regard to the

thematic cluster of energy for sustainable development, climate change, air pollution/atmosphere and industrial development.

6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on the outcome of CSD 15 for the information of Parties at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007).
7. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the holding of the in-session workshop on carbon dioxide capture and storage under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA at this session.
8. The SBSTA noted the oral report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on progress made in preparing its Fourth Assessment Report.
