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on

SBSTA 56 agenda item 10(f) Methodological issues under the Convention Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of greenhouse gases

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration of the common metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by sources and removals by sinks within the framework of methodological issues under the Convention.

2. The SBSTA noted that, pursuant to paragraph 37 of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement,¹ Parties to the Paris Agreement shall use the 100-year time-horizon global warming potential values from the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), or the 100-year time-horizon global warming potential values from a subsequent IPCC assessment report agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, to report aggregate GHG emissions and removals, expressed in carbon dioxide equivalent. The SBSTA also noted that, in addition, each Party may use other metrics (e.g. global temperature potential) to report supplemental information on aggregate GHG emissions and removals, expressed in carbon dioxide equivalent.

3. [The SBSTA acknowledged the relevance of common metrics to climate change policy. It noted that the SBSTA considers this matter under its discussions on scientific matters and concluded its consideration of common metrics.]

[The SBSTA acknowledged the relevance of common metrics to climate change policy and invited the IPCC to present its findings on metrics, as contained in its Sixth Assessment Report, at SBSTA 57 (November 2022). The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize an in-session event for this purpose.

The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of common metrics at SBSTA 57.]

4. The SBSTA noted the importance of ensuring consistent and synchronized reporting requirements on aggregate GHG emissions and removals expressed in carbon dioxide equivalent under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022) (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2022/L.X/Add.1).

¹ Decision 18/CMA.1, annex.