

**METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

**LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY -  
DECISION 1/CP.3, PARAGRAPH 5(a)**

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The SBSTA took note with appreciation of the document prepared by the secretariat.
2. It understands the meaning of Article 3.3 in the Kyoto Protocol to be as follows: The adjustment to a Party's assigned amount shall be equal to verifiable changes in carbon stocks during the period 2008 to 2012 resulting from direct human-induced activities of afforestation, reforestation and deforestation since 1 January 1990. Where the result of this calculation is a net sink, this value shall be added to the Party's assigned amount. Where the result of this calculation is a net emission, this value shall be subtracted from the Party's assigned amount.
3. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit information related to:
  - (a) The implementation of Article 3.3, particularly on data and methods, and questions and issues identified in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, by 15 August 1998 for compilation into a miscellaneous document by approximately 30 August 1998; and
  - (b) Modalities, rules and guidelines as to how and which additional human-induced activities might be included under Article 3.4, including questions and issues identified in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, by 1 October 1998 for compilation into a miscellaneous document by approximately 15 October 1998.

4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop prior to the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 4) with participation by experts including those nominated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), possibly coincident with an IPCC expert meeting. The purpose of the workshop will be to consider data availability based on definitions used by Parties and international organizations, including their implications, in relation to Article 3.3 and to consider any further inputs to the IPCC, including to the report referred to in paragraph 5 below. It also agreed to plan a second workshop after COP 4 to focus on issues arising from Article 3.4 and document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1, the comments submitted by Parties and issues arising from the first workshop. It requested the secretariat to report on the initial workshop at the ninth session of the SBSTA.

5. The SBSTA requested the IPCC to prepare and provide information to the SBSTA and the COP, in particular a special report as defined by IPCC procedures, on land-use, land-use change and forestry, in order to enable the COP to take decisions on recommendations on these issues to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session. The special report should address the methodological, scientific and technical implications of the relevant articles of the Protocol, particularly Article 3. The special report should consider the anthropogenic implications of full carbon stock accounting, set the overall scientific context for consideration of land-use, land-use change and forestry activities, and consider the initial list of scientific and technical questions contained in FCCC/SBSTA/1998/INF.1 and comments provided by the Parties to the secretariat by 15 August 1998.

6. The SBSTA requested the IPCC to examine, to the extent possible, the scientific and technical implications of carbon sequestration strategies related to land-use, land-use change and forestry activities for water, soils, biodiversity, and other environmental and socio-economic effects, to be included in the special report as appropriate. Other issues not covered in the special report could be included in the Third Assessment Report and in any other relevant IPCC products.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to liaise with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, the Food and Agriculture Organization and other international bodies and organizations to ensure that relevant information is available to the Parties.

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