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**METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

**GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE AND UNCERTAINTY MANAGEMENT IN  
NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES**

**Draft conclusions by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) commended the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on its report entitled *Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, referred to below as good practice guidance, prepared in response to the request of the SBSTA at its eighth session. Good practice guidance will assist all Parties in preparing higher-quality greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories in which uncertainties are reduced as far as practicable. Good practice guidance will also support the development of inventories that are transparent, consistent, complete, comparable and accurate.
2. The SBSTA endorsed the good practice guidance as an elaboration of the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and recommended its use in the preparation of national GHG inventories.
3. The SBSTA concluded that the good practice guidance should be applied by Annex I Parties to the extent possible for inventories due in 2001 and 2002 and should be used for inventories due in 2003 and beyond. Annex I Parties with economies in transition may phase in the good practice guidance one year later than other Annex I Parties.
4. The SBSTA encouraged non-Annex I Parties to apply good practice guidance, as appropriate and to the extent possible, in the preparation of their GHG inventories. The SBSTA recognized that applying good practice guidance could assist these Parties in developing inventories that better reflect their national circumstances.

5. The SBSTA invited Annex I Parties to submit information on their experience with using the good practice guidance in preparing their 2001 inventory submission by 15 August 2001, to be considered by the SBSTA at its fifteenth session.
6. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in its report to the SBSTA at its fifteenth session on the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories, to consider whether any modifications to these guidelines are needed to reflect the good practice guidance.
7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in its report on the technical review trial period in accordance with decision 6/CP.5, to consider the experience and views of Parties with respect to the review of information relating to good practice guidance.
8. The SBSTA noted that the good practice guidance does not include specific guidance for the land-use change and forestry (LUCF) sector. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to include good practice guidance in LUCF in its workplan to be developed following the invitation from the SBSTA at its tenth session.
9. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in consultation with the IPCC, to work with other organizations to encourage the translation and wide dissemination of the good practice guidance by appropriate means, particularly among Annex I Parties with economies in transition and non-Annex I Parties. The SBSTA recommended that the good practice guidance should be included as an element in relevant capacity-building activities, particularly of United Nations organizations.

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