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**ISSUES RELATING TO REPORTING AND REVIEW OF GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES
FROM PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the results of the pilot training course for the review of greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2 to 6 December 2002, organized with the support of the Government of Switzerland.
2. The SBSTA took note of the information on experience on pilot training activities for members of expert review teams in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/3, and the information on treatment of confidential data in the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.2. The SBSTA also considered additional means to improve the professionalism and performance of expert review teams conducting the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I Parties. The SBSTA decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties (COP), for adoption at its ninth session, a draft decision (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.7/Add.1) on issues relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Annex I Parties, namely:
 - (a) A training programme for members of expert review teams;
 - (b) A code of practice for the treatment of confidential information;
 - (c) An agreement for expert review services for members of expert review teams.
3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to complete the preparation of the basic course on the review of Annex I Party greenhouse gas inventories, as described in annex I of the draft decision mentioned in paragraph 2 above, for the training of new inventory experts participating in reviews of Annex I Party greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention, with a view to implementing this course in 2004.
