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Agenda item 3 (a) and (b)

**THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF IMPACTS OF, AND
VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO, CLIMATE CHANGE**

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF MITIGATION

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the submissions from Parties contained in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.11 and FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.2 and Add.1.
2. The SBSTA recalled its conclusions from its eighteenth session to initiate, at its twentieth session, work on two new agenda items: scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change; and scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the exchange of views between Parties and representatives of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), industry, local government, and non-governmental organizations, who participated in the pre-sessional consultation on the Third Assessment Report of the IPCC,¹ and noted that such exchanges with experts may be useful for the future work of the SBSTA under the new agenda items.
4. The SBSTA noted that the themes of, inter alia, sustainable development, opportunities and solutions, and vulnerability and risk, are relevant for consideration under the two new agenda items. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2004, their views on these themes, and other information relating to these agenda items, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

¹ Additional information about the pre-sessional consultation can be found on the secretariat web site (<http://www.unfccc.int>)

5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to organize a workshop on each of the new agenda items during its twentieth session, to begin to explore these themes. The SBSTA requested the Chair of the SBSTA to take into account the views and information provided by Parties when organizing the workshops.

6. The SBSTA agreed to determine next steps on each of the new agenda items at its twentieth session in the light of the outcome of the workshops.

7. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on these matters for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session.
