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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the exchange of experiences, views and lessons learned among Parties, experts and organizations that participated in the in-session workshop on “Application of methods and tools, including regional models, for assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and linkages between adaptation and sustainable development”. It expressed its appreciation to the speakers for their contributions and to the secretariat for preparing a background paper relating to methodologies to assess impacts and adaptation (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.13). The SBSTA also took note of submissions from Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/MISC.12 and Add.1.
2. The SBSTA did not conclude its considerations of this agenda item. It decided to forward the draft text below to the Conference of the Parties for its further consideration.

**Draft text**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice agreed to establish a structured five-year programme of work on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change. This programme would address the following issues: data and methodologies, vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning and actions, and integration into sustainable development in the context of the terms of reference of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice as referred to in Article 9 of the Convention.
2. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, to organize an in-session workshop during its twenty-second session (May 2005) to further elaborate on the issues contained in the work programme and facilitate the continuing exchange of information and sharing of experiences. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 31 March 2005, their views on the work programme. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document to facilitate the ongoing consideration of this agenda item at SBSTA 22.

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