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Methodological issues under the Convention

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the implementation of the feature of the greenhouse gas (GHG) data interface to present data in its modules, where applicable, in both physical units and carbon dioxide equivalent. The SBSTA noted with appreciation that the secretariat had completed all requests for the development of the GHG data interface.
2. The SBSTA recognized that substantive changes to the GHG data interface will have to be made in the event that the revised “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual greenhouse gas inventories” are adopted at the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2013).
3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to implement, by June 2015, any necessary technical changes to the GHG data interface, should the guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 above be adopted.
4. It agreed to consider, at SBSTA 39 (November 2013), matters relating to the further development of the GHG data interface, including the functionality of comparing data between Parties using different reporting guidelines, with a view to evaluating progress and determining further steps.
5. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 3 above.
6. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.