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## Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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Agenda item 8(a)

**Matters relating to science and review**

**Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

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### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the presentations made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on its Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), including those made at the SBSTA–IPCC special events on the contributions of Working Groups I,<sup>1</sup> II<sup>2</sup> and III<sup>3</sup> to the AR5, and on the AR5 Synthesis Report,<sup>4</sup> as well as at the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of the structured expert dialogue on the 2013–2015 review.<sup>5</sup>
2. The SBSTA noted its conclusions adopted at SBSTA 39, 40 and 41 welcoming the contributions of Working Groups I, II and III to the AR5 and the AR5 Synthesis Report.
3. The SBSTA recognized that it is important that the AR5 continue to be considered in depth by Parties to the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, so that all relevant agenda items are informed by the findings of the AR5. In that context, the SBSTA requested that the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, be prepared to invite the IPCC, in response to any request made by Parties, to inform its consideration of relevant agenda items, in particular through focused briefings on relevant information from the AR5 and other IPCC reports.
4. The SBSTA noted that the AR5 identified some information gaps, including in developing countries, especially in Africa, and on emerging issues, such as the links between climate change and desertification.

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<sup>1</sup> *Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis*. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1>.

<sup>2</sup> *Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability*. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg2>.

<sup>3</sup> *Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change*. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg3>.

<sup>4</sup> Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/syr>.

<sup>5</sup> See <http://unfccc.int/7521.php> for information on the structured expert dialogue.

5. The SBSTA invited the IPCC and relevant international and regional research organizations to inform Parties about efforts undertaken to address the information gaps identified in the AR5, including as referred to in paragraph 4 above, for example at the meeting of the research dialogue at SBSTA 42 (June 2015).

6. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2014/L.27/Add.1).

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