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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration of the common metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks (hereinafter referred to as common metrics) within the framework of methodological issues under the Convention.
2. The SBSTA acknowledged the relevance of common metrics to climate change policy. It noted that the Conference of the Parties requested the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) to elaborate guidance for accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions which ensures that accounting is in accordance with common metrics assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.¹
3. Therefore, the SBSTA agreed to defer its consideration of common metrics to SBSTA 46 (May 2017) so as to be able to take into account deliberations under the APA on the guidance referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31.

¹ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31.

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