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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 results of the training programme for review experts for the technical review of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), as requested at SBSTA 44.¹
2. The SBSTA acknowledged the relevance of the training programme in contributing to the quality and consistency of the technical reviews of GHG inventories of Annex I Parties. It considered the experience gained since September 2015 in conducting technical reviews of GHG inventories of Annex I Parties using the “Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” by experts who undertook the training programme. The SBSTA noted that the secretariat has received positive feedback from Parties and experts on the scope and focus of the courses of the training programme, including the final examinations, and agreed that there is no need to further develop and enhance the training materials at the present time.
3. The SBSTA agreed to assess the results of the training programme at SBSTA 50 (June 2019) with a view to making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (November 2019) on the further development and enhancement of the training programme.
4. The SBSTA also agreed to extend the implementation of the ongoing training programme to 2020.

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2016/2, paragraph 75.

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5. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 4 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
