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Agenda 2 (a)

MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITMENTS

DRAFT DECISION

Methodological issues

PROPOSAL BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF WORKING GROUP I

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change,

1. Decides:

(a) That Annex I Parties should, on a provisional basis, use the IPCC Draft Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories in preparing their first communications pursuant to the Convention, taking into account the modification outlined in paragraph ... of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications by Annex I Parties which are annexed to decision ... of the Committee, and to invite the IPCC to disseminate widely the Draft Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

(b) That Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) may be used in national communications in accordance with the provisions of paragraph ... of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications by Annex I Parties, which are annexed to decision ... of the Committee, and to invite the IPCC to provide GWP values for a range of gases, over 20, 50, 100 and 500-year time horizons and to consider very long-lived gases.

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(c) That information on emissions from bunker fuels should be included in national inventories in accordance with the provisions of paragraph ... of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications from Annex I Parties which are annexed to decision ... of the Committee;

(d) That the question of methodological issues should be reviewed at its eleventh session in the context of the final recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, taking into account that such methodologies would continue to evolve in the light of improved scientific understanding and practical experience and to invite the IPCC to continue its work on methodologies particularly those relating to inventories, sinks, global warming potentials, vulnerability assessment and adaptation.

2. Recommends:

(a) That the Conference of the Parties (COP) take up the issue of the allocation of emissions from bunker fuels;

(b) That Governments and relevant international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization, continue and possibly intensify their work on emissions from bunker fuels and keep the interim secretariat informed of progress.

3. Requests:

(a) That the interim secretariat prepare documentation on the work currently underway in relevant bodies, including the IPCC, relating to methodologies for vulnerability assessment and adaptation and to prepare documentation on methodological issues, including draft recommendations to COP 1 based on the decisions of the Committee and relevant new information, for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh session.
