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SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

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Agenda item 6(a)

**METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

**EMISSIONS INVENTORIES**

**Draft conclusions by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/1998/4, and endorsed the activities related to greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories set out in that document.
2. The SBSTA urged Parties to participate actively in the ongoing activities of the current programme of work on methodologies related to GHG inventories, bearing in mind their relationship with possible additions and/or amendments to the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, discussed under agenda item 4(a), and the longer-term methodological needs of the Kyoto Protocol, *inter alia*, the development of guidelines for national systems and adjustments under Article 5 of that Protocol.
3. The SBSTA recalled the relevant conclusions of its seventh session, and requested Annex I Parties which have not already done so to make available to the secretariat, by 15 August 1998, for purposes of comparison and transparency, their complete 1996 GHG inventories obtained using, when possible, best available methodologies and those obtained using the current default methodologies of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines. It also requested Parties which have not already done so, to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 1998, their views on possible approaches to resolving the methodological issues related to GHG inventories such as those identified in the annex on methodological issues contained in document FCCC/SBI/1997/19, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop with the participation of methodological experts from the roster, as well as from other relevant organizations, to develop proposals to resolve the methodological issues identified by Parties and by the secretariat while processing GHG inventories included in second national communications. The conclusions of such a workshop, and of any workshop organized by the secretariat related to possible additions and/or amendments to the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, as discussed under agenda item 4(a), should be available for the tenth session of the SBSTA.

5. The SBSTA noted that the Kyoto Protocol includes provisions related to GHG inventory methods. The SBSTA recognized that methodological issues arising from the Protocol including, for example, guidance for estimating and reporting hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride, need to be evaluated. The SBSTA encouraged the secretariat to continue its close collaboration with other relevant bodies, such as the IPCC-OECD-IEA Inventories Programme, on such issues.

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