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Agenda item 3 (a) and (b)

**THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF IMPACTS OF, AND
VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO, CLIMATE CHANGE**

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF MITIGATION

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.2 and Add.1, containing views by Parties on issues covered in the conclusions of the sixteenth session of the SBSTA and on the aspects of the Third Assessment Report (TAR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that could facilitate further consideration of the agenda items of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and its subsidiary bodies, and of document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/2 which contains a synthesis of the views submitted by Parties.
2. The SBSTA recalled the conclusions of its sixteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 15 (c)), that in general the TAR should be used routinely as a useful reference for providing information for deliberations on agenda items of COP and its subsidiary bodies, noting that other appropriate information will also be relevant to specific agenda items.
3. The SBSTA further recalled the conclusions from its sixteenth session relating to document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 15 (d) (ii–iii). The SBSTA decided to complete its work under the TAR agenda item at its nineteenth session, and to initiate the following two new agenda items at its twentieth session, for regular consideration by the SBSTA, taking into account existing work of the SBSTA and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the need to avoid duplication:
 - (a) Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change;
 - (b) Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.
4. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit, by 30 October 2003, their views on the elements, scope and priorities of the work to be undertaken under these two new agenda items, including possible timing. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare the submissions for compilation into a miscellaneous document in order to facilitate discussion on these items at its nineteenth session.

5. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize a pre-sessional consultation immediately before the nineteenth session of the SBSTA with participation of the IPCC and practitioners, such as representatives of industry, local government, and non-governmental organizations to provide information, and share experiences relating to the agenda items in paragraphs 3 (a) and (b) above to facilitate the development of these two new agenda items. The consultations should also provide an opportunity to consider the scope of the work under these two agenda items.

6. The SBSTA noted that scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of both adaptation and mitigation can contribute, inter alia, to the objectives of the Convention and sustainable development. The SBSTA agreed to take note of these possible links when considering these two new agenda items 3(a) and (b) above.

7. The SBSTA decided to consider a draft decision at its nineteenth session, with the aim of forwarding it for adoption by the COP at its ninth session.
