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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

**GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION ON LAND USE,
LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) entitled *Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry* (hereinafter referred to as the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF), prepared in response to a request by the Conference of the Parties (COP) by its decision 11/CP.7. The IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF is intended to assist Parties in preparing higher-quality greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories in which uncertainties are reduced as far as is practicable. The IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF is also intended to support the development of inventories that are transparent, consistent, complete, comparable and accurate.
2. The SBSTA took note of the information contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.11 on a draft common reporting format for land use, land-use change and forestry.
3. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision relating to the use of the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF in the preparation of national GHG inventories under the Convention (FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.22/Add.1) for adoption by the COP at its ninth session.
4. The SBSTA decided to consider, at its twentieth session, tables of a common reporting format (CRF) for the reporting of GHG inventories for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) under the Kyoto Protocol and related reporting requirements, based on the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF, with a view to recommending a draft decision on good practice guidance for LULUCF under the Kyoto Protocol for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.
5. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2004, their views on the draft tables of the CRF for LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/INF.11 and on requirements for reporting annual GHG inventory information on LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to update the draft tables of the CRF for LULUCF activities under the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account submissions by Parties, to facilitate the further consideration of this topic by the SBSTA at its twentieth session.

6. The SBSTA welcomed the report by the IPCC entitled *Definitions and Methodological Options to Inventory Emissions from Direct Human-induced Degradation of Forests and Devegetation of Other Vegetation Types*. It decided to further consider the information contained in this report at its twentieth session in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of decision 11/CP.7.

7. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 March 2004, their initial views on the report referred to in paragraph 6 above, including on possible definitions to account for anthropogenic GHG emissions resulting from direct human-induced degradation and devegetation activities, which could be used in the context of the Kyoto Protocol.

8. The SBSTA took note of the report of the IPCC expert meeting on current scientific understanding of the processes affecting terrestrial carbon stocks and human influences upon them, which was submitted by the IPCC to the SBSTA as a response to the invitation contained in paragraph 3 (d) of decision 11/CP.7.

9. The SBSTA noted an aim to address the issues referred to in paragraph 1 (h) of draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Land use, land-use change and forestry*), and the need to discuss the issues referred to in paragraph 3 (d) of decision 11/CP.7.

10. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 April 2004, their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 9 above, and other related LULUCF issues.

11. The SBSTA decided to discuss, at its twentieth session, the issues referred to in paragraph 9 above, the submissions referred to in paragraph 10 above and other relevant information, and to consider next steps as appropriate.
