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“Good practices” in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

**Draft conclusions proposed by the co-chairs of the contact group
on agenda item 5**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the progress made in implementing decision 13/CP.7.
2. The SBSTA agreed on the next steps in implementing decision 13/CP.7 as set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 below, recalling that these steps should:
 - (a) Facilitate (in making preparations during the lead-up to the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, in relation to article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of the Kyoto Protocol) cooperation among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) in order to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures such as those in Article 2, paragraph 1 (a), of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular by sharing experience and exchanging information at a technical level, and taking into account national circumstances;
 - (b) Take place under the guidance of the SBSTA, inter alia, through initiatives involving all Parties and, as appropriate, environmental and business non-governmental organizations, and should include the exchange of information on policies and measures undertaken by Annex I Parties in all relevant sectors and on cross-cutting and methodological issues;
 - (c) Contribute to the improvement of transparency, effectiveness and comparability of policies and measures. To that end this should:
 - (i) Enhance transparency in reporting on policies and measures in the national communications of Annex I Parties through, as appropriate, criteria and quantitative parameters, and consider issues of methodology, attribution, and national circumstances;

- (ii) Facilitate information sharing on ways Annex I Parties have striven to implement policies and measures in such a way as to minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties, taking into account information related to these issues provided by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties);
- (iii) Assist Parties and the Conference of the Parties in identifying further options for cooperation between Annex I Parties and other interested Parties to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of their policies and measures.

3. The SBSTA noted that these steps would take into account considerations such as environmental effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, social and economic impacts and ancillary benefits.

4. The SBSTA invited Annex I Parties to make available information on their experiences in implementing policies and measures, as outlined in paragraph 2 above, to all Parties at a meeting in the form of a round-table discussion at a technical level, at the twenty-second session of the subsidiary bodies. The SBSTA further invited Parties to exchange views at this meeting. It requested the secretariat to organize this meeting and to provide a report on activities outlined in this paragraph for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-third session.

5. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to provide information, including an assessment of resource implications, on options for using, inter alia, web-based approaches to sharing experience and exchanging information on "good practices" in policies and measures, as outlined in paragraph 2 above, at a technical level. To that end, the secretariat should consider relevant ongoing activities under other agenda items of the subsidiary bodies, as well as activities of other international and intergovernmental organizations, with a view to reporting to the SBSTA at its twenty-first session.

6. The SBSTA invited interested Annex I Parties to support the activities outlined in paragraphs 4 and 5 above by providing additional resources, if necessary.

7. The SBSTA noted that future work on this agenda item needs to be considered in the light of overall work plans of the subsidiary bodies to the Convention.
