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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

### Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-first session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session:

#### Draft decision -/CP.10

#### Implementation of the global observing system for climate

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Having considered* the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its twenty-first-session,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Global Climate Observing System for preparing the *Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC* (hereinafter referred to as the implementation plan);
2. *Welcomes* the emphasis given in the implementation plan to enhancing the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, in the global observing system for climate;

3. *Encourages* Parties to strengthen their efforts to address the priorities identified in the implementation plan, and to implement the priority elements identified by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in their regional action plans relating to the global observing system for climate;

4. *Encourages* Parties to enhance their work and collaboration on observation of the essential climate variables and on development of climate products to support the needs of the Convention, including through participation in the Global Climate Observing System cooperation mechanism;

5. *Invites Parties* that support space agencies involved in global observations to request these agencies to provide a coordinated response to the needs expressed in the implementation plan;

6. *Requests* the secretariat of the Global Climate Observing System to provide information to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its twenty-third session (November 2005) and, as required, at subsequent sessions, on how the actions identified in the implementation plan are being implemented.

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