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**Agenda item 10 (b)**

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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the oral report by the secretariat on the outcome of the consideration by the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) of the paper on options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio Conventions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.19. It recalled that in line with its conclusions at its twenty-first session, Parties are invited to submit to the secretariat, by 13 February 2006, their views on the options paper and on its consideration by the JLG, and requested the secretariat to compile those views into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006). The SBSTA also noted an oral report provided by the representative of the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971).
2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the oral report by the representative of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the development of its *Fourth Assessment Report*, on the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, and on other reports and activities. It also noted statements made on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction on their activities relevant to the UNFCCC.
3. The SBSTA welcomed the IPCC *Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage* (hereinafter referred to as the special report) and expressed its gratitude to the IPCC for preparing the report.
4. The SBSTA noted that the IPCC special report provides a comprehensive assessment of the scientific, technical, environmental, economic, and social aspects of capture and storage of carbon dioxide.

5. The SBSTA acknowledged that carbon dioxide capture and storage is an option, in the portfolio of mitigation options, for stabilization of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations, noting that complete carbon dioxide capture and storage systems are in various stages of development ranging from research and development to the mature market stage. It encouraged Parties, the private sector and other potential developers to support the acceleration of research, development, deployment and diffusion of carbon dioxide capture and storage technologies.

6. The SBSTA recognized the importance of disseminating the results of the special report in the context of ongoing work, including on scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation, development of technologies, and education, training and public awareness.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, an in-session workshop on carbon capture and storage at the twenty-fourth session of the SBSTA. The objective of the workshop would be to increase understanding of carbon dioxide capture and storage through an overview of the special report and through experiences and lessons learned. It would cover relevant provisions of the forthcoming *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, demonstration and pilot projects and capacity-building for the development and use of this technology. The workshop would draw on the views of Parties and the relevant expertise of Parties, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations. The SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare a report of the above-mentioned workshop for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006) and requested that this report and workshop presentations be posted on the UNFCCC web site as soon as possible after the workshop.

8. The SBSTA took note of the oral report by the secretariat on the thematic cluster of energy for sustainable development, climate change, air pollution/atmosphere and industrial development planned for consideration at the fourteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 14). The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report on the outcome of CSD 14 on these issues to the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session.

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