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Methodological issues under the Convention

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines for national
greenhouse gas inventories**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Issues specific to the 2006 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted the importance of continuous improvement of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories in meeting commitments under Article 4, paragraph 1(a), of the Convention.
2. The SBSTA recalled that it had invited, at its seventeenth session, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to revise the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, and welcomed the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* (2006 IPCC Guidelines¹) which were prepared by the IPCC in response to the SBSTA invitation.
3. The SBSTA noted the need for continued consideration of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines in the context of the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for Annex I Parties².
4. Noting paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and without prejudice to the existing reporting guidelines, the SBSTA encouraged Parties in a position to do so to gain experience with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. It invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2009, information on their experience, further considerations related to the future revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for Annex I Parties and the considerations related to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

¹ *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*: <<http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/index.htm>>. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines have an overview chapter in volume 1.

² Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories (FCCC/SBSTA/2006/9).

The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines at its thirtieth session (May/June 2009).

5. The SBSTA recognized that there are reporting issues relating to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines that should be discussed in the consideration of the guidelines and the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for Annex I Parties. The SBSTA invited Parties to consider these issues as a part of the submissions referred to in paragraph 4 above.

6. The SBSTA noted the need for capacity-building to facilitate the use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines by Parties, in particular by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. The SBSTA invited the IPCC and other relevant organizations to continue and strengthen their efforts in this field.

Issues specific to harvested wood products

7. The SBSTA recalled that, at its twenty-fourth session, it had invited Parties in a position to do so to voluntarily report on harvested wood products (HWP) in their national inventories in a manner consistent with current UNFCCC reporting guidelines.

8. The SBSTA decided to discuss reporting of HWP in the context of its consideration of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines.

9. The SBSTA agreed to continue to consider other issues relating to HWP in the context of the consideration of broader issues relating to land use, land-use change and forestry, at future sessions.
