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## **Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

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Agenda item 10(e)

**Methodological issues under the Convention**

**Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence  
of greenhouse gases**

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#### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration of the common metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks (hereinafter referred to as common metrics) under the methodological issues under the Convention.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the report<sup>1</sup> on the workshop on common metrics which focused on uncertainties, new and refined areas or metrics, policy goals, and the relationship between policy frameworks and metrics, held in Bonn, Germany, on 3 and 4 April 2012, which was organized by the secretariat following a request made by the SBSTA at its thirty-fourth session.<sup>2</sup>
3. The SBSTA acknowledged the relevance of the workshop and its report. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the representatives of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) working group I (WG I) and IPCC working group III (WG III) for providing information on the status of the work of these groups on common metrics and to the members of the scientific community that provided updated and relevant information on the scientific knowledge on common metrics.
4. The SBSTA noted that common metrics are being assessed by the IPCC in the context of its work on the Fifth Assessment Report and acknowledged the relevance of common metrics to climate change policy.
5. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to present its findings on common metrics from its Fifth Assessment Report at the fortieth session of the SBSTA. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a special event for this purpose.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2012/INF.2.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2011/2, paragraph 101.

6. The SBSTA agreed to continue, at its fortieth session, its consideration of this agenda item.
7. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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