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Projet de conclusions proposé par le Président

1. L'Organe subsidiaire de conseil scientifique et technologique (SBSTA) a pris note des décisions 2/CP.13, 4/CP.15, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 et 12/CP.17 en examinant les principes méthodologiques applicables aux activités liées à la réduction des émissions résultant du déboisement et de la dégradation des forêts et le rôle de la conservation, de la gestion durable des forêts et de l'accroissement des stocks de carbone forestiers dans les pays en développement.
2. Le SBSTA a pris note des observations communiquées par les Parties¹ sur les questions mentionnées au paragraphe 72 et dans l'appendice II de la décision 1/CP.16, en particulier sur la façon de prendre en considération les facteurs déterminants du déboisement et de la dégradation des forêts et sur les systèmes nationaux solides et transparents de surveillance des forêts visés à l'alinéa *c* du paragraphe 71 de cette même décision. Il a également pris note des vues présentées par les organisations admises en qualité d'observateurs².

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2012/MISC.1 et Add.1.

² Les vues des organisations intergouvernementales sont disponibles à l'adresse <http://unfccc.int/3714>.
Les vues des organisations non gouvernementales sont disponibles à l'adresse <http://unfccc.int/3689>.

3. Le SBSTA a poursuivi son examen des principes méthodologiques applicables aux modalités de fonctionnement d'un système national de surveillance des forêts comme indiqué à l'alinéa *c* du paragraphe 7 de la décision 1/CP.16, et aux modalités de mesure, de notification et de vérification mentionnées à l'alinéa *c* de l'appendice II de la même décision, en se fondant sur le projet de texte reproduit à l'annexe I du document FCCC/SBSTA/2011/5 et en tenant compte des questions énumérées à l'appendice II de la décision 1/CP.16 et des observations des Parties mentionnées plus haut au paragraphe 2.
4. Le SBSTA est convenu de poursuivre ses travaux sur les principes méthodologiques applicables aux modalités de fonctionnement d'un système national de surveillance des forêts visées à l'alinéa *c* du paragraphe 71 de la décision 1/CP.16 et aux modalités de mesure, de notification et de vérification visées à l'alinéa *c* de l'appendice II de la même décision sur la base de l'annexe contenant les éléments d'un éventuel projet de décision sur ces questions, l'objectif étant d'achever ces travaux à sa trente-septième session et d'élaborer des recommandations relatives à un tel projet de décision pour examen et adoption par la Conférence des Parties (COP) à sa dix-huitième session.
5. Le SBSTA a entrepris l'examen des questions liées aux facteurs déterminants du déboisement et de la dégradation des forêts en tenant compte du paragraphe 72 et de l'alinéa *a* de l'appendice II de la décision 1/CP.16 ainsi que des observations des Parties et des organisations admises en qualité d'observateurs mentionnées plus haut au paragraphe 2. Il est convenu de poursuivre à sa trente-septième session ses travaux sur les questions énumérées au paragraphe 72 et dans l'appendice II de la décision 1/CP.16, en particulier les moyens de prendre en considération les facteurs déterminants du déboisement et de la dégradation des forêts, y compris les aspects sociaux et économiques à envisager au niveau national dans les pays en développement.
6. Le SBSTA a pris note de la demande que lui avait adressée la Conférence des Parties aux paragraphes 5 et 6 de la décision 12/CP.17, de réfléchir à la date à laquelle sera présenté le premier résumé des informations relatives à la manière dont les garanties visées à l'appendice I de la décision 1/CP.16 sont prises en compte et respectées et au rythme auquel seront présentés les résumés suivants, et d'examiner la nécessité de formuler de nouveaux principes pour garantir la transparence, la cohérence, l'exhaustivité et la pertinence des résumés présentés. Il est convenu de continuer à donner suite à cette demande à sa trente-septième session en vue d'achever l'examen de la question à sa trente-neuvième session.
7. Rappelant le paragraphe 15 de la décision 12/CP.17, le SBSTA est convenu d'entreprendre, à sa trente-septième session, l'élaboration de principes concernant l'évaluation technique des niveaux d'émission de référence pour les forêts et/ou des niveaux de référence pour les forêts proposés, l'objectif étant de présenter à la Conférence des Parties, à ses dix-huitième et dix-neuvième sessions, les progrès réalisés, y compris d'éventuelles recommandations concernant un projet de décision sur cette question.
8. Le SBSTA a constaté qu'un examen plus poussé de la question des principes méthodologiques pourrait être nécessaire en attendant l'issue des travaux du Groupe de travail spécial de l'action concertée à long terme au titre de la Convention.
9. Le SBSTA a reconnu que les Parties souhaitant entreprendre les activités visées au paragraphe 70 de la décision 1/CP.16 pouvaient prendre en compte les besoins d'adaptation du pays concerné.

Annexe

[English only]

Elements for a possible draft decision on modalities for national forest monitoring systems and measuring, reporting and verifying

Recalling decisions 2/CP.13, 4/CP.15, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 12/CP.17,

[Modalities for national forest monitoring systems

1. *Decides* that the development of national forest monitoring systems for the monitoring and reporting of activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, with, if appropriate, subnational monitoring and reporting as an interim measure, [shall] [should] take into account the guidance provided in decision 4/CP.15 and be guided by the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidance and guidelines, as adopted or encouraged by the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, as a basis for estimating anthropogenic forest-related greenhouse gas emissions by sources, and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock and forest-area changes;
2. *Also decides* that robust national forest monitoring systems should provide data and information that are transparent, consistent over time, complete¹ [and have undergone quality assurance and quality control];
3. *Affirms* robust and transparent national forest monitoring system contributes to strengthen forest governance including law enforcement and to further consider counter measures to deforestation and forest degradation, and to promote effective implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, further on, sustainable forest management including deploying multiple functions of forest;
4. *Also decides* [, that in the context of the provision of adequate and predictable support, including financial resources and technical and technological support to developing country Parties, in accordance with national circumstances and respective capabilities,] national forest monitoring systems[, with, if appropriate, subnational monitoring and reporting as an interim measure as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71 [(b) and] (c), and in decision 4/CP.15, paragraph 1(d)] should:
 - (a) Build upon existing systems, as appropriate;
 - (b) Provide information on all forest [areas] [land] in the country;
 - (c) Enable the [assessment][identification] of changes incurred in natural forests;
 - (d) Be flexible and allow for improvement;
 - (e) Reflect, as appropriate, the phased-approach as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 73 and 74;
 - (f) Identify potential sources of uncertainties to the extent possible;
5. [*Also acknowledges* that national forest monitoring systems may provide[, as appropriate,] relevant [data and] information for [national] systems for the provision of information on how safeguards are addressed and respected;]

¹ Complete here means the provision of data and information that allows the technical analysis of the results[, and the establishment of forest reference emission levels and/or forest reference levels].

6. [*Decides* that under the joint mitigation and adaptation approach for the integral and sustainable management of forests a comprehensive and holistic monitoring system shall be developed considering the multiple functions of forests in climate change;]]

[Modalities for measuring, reporting and verifying]

[*Reaffirms* that in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 73, results-based actions should be fully measured, reported and verified;]

[*Agrees* that the actions which preserve and enhance the multiple benefits of forests, are also those that contribute to the sustainability and permanence of emission reductions;]

1. *Decides* that measuring, reporting and verifying anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks[, and, as necessary], forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock and forest-area changes resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 [and paragraph 71(b)], should be consistent with the [most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines and]methodological guidance provided in decision 4/CP.15, and any guidance on measuring, reporting and verification of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties as agreed by the Conference of the Parties, [and in accordance with any future relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties];

2. [*Decides* that adequate and predictable support, including financial, technical and technological support will be provided to developing countries, consistent with decision 1/CP.16;]

3. *Decides* that developing country Parties aiming to undertake activities in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 [, taking into account paragraph 71 (b)], should provide data and information on anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks[, and, as necessary,] forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock and forest-area changes that are transparent, complete², consistent with the established forest reference emission level[s]/forest reference level[s] and over time, [and] accurate to the extent possible [and comparable];

4. [*Agrees* that [, subject to adequate and predictable financial support in all phases] a stepwise approach to [acquire more and/or] [measuring, reporting and verifying may be useful, enabling countries to incorporate] better data for the relevant pools and /or gases and to improve methodologies [may be useful], [and where appropriate, incorporate additional pools and gases,] as appropriate, recognizing that conservative³ [treatment of] estimates for some of these pools may be necessary to account for financial, technical, and/or technological constraints, while maintaining consistency with the established forest reference emission level[s]/forest reference level[s]; [noting the importance of adequate and predictable support as referenced by decision 1 /CP .16, paragraph 71;]];

5. *Further decides* that, consistent with Decisions 1/CP.16 and with Annex III to Decision 2/CP.17, the data and information referred to in paragraph 3 above should be provided through biennial update reports, taking into consideration additional flexibility given to least developed countries and small island developing countries;

6. [*Further decides* that, on a temporary basis before the international consultation and analysis process is fully operational, Parties providing information in accordance with paragraph 3 above may, on a voluntary basis, request that this information be technically assessed;]

² [footnote to be elaborated]

³ [placeholder for a footnote]

7. [*Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to respond to the requests made by Parties in relation to paragraph 6 above by mandating technical experts to undertake a technical assessment of the implementation of actions related to decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 [and taking into account paragraph 71(b)], and to prepare a report on this assessment;]
8. [*Further decides* that measuring, reporting and verification of the support provided by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to Parties not included in Annex I for activities referred to in paragraph [xx above] should be carried out by a UNFCCC team of technical experts equitably balanced between members of developed and developing countries and supported by the secretariat in consultation with relevant national authorities in accordance with countries national circumstances, capacity and capabilities;]
9. [[*Decides*] [*Encourages*] that [developed country] Parties [,according to the principles of,] [to] the Convention should establish and support, technologically, technically and financially, programs for specific capacity development in developing country Parties implementing activities as referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 [taking into account paragraph 71(b)], with the aim to:
- (a) Develop robust and transparent forest monitoring systems;
 - (b) [Fulfill the required forest [sector] reporting requirements within national communications and biennial update reports;]
 - (c) [Support the process of international consultation and analysis of [national communications and] biennial update reports;]]
10. [[In addition,[in accordance with relevant articles of the Convention,] the] [*Encourages*] [developed country] Parties [,in a position to do so] [should] [to] [establish] [[and/or] facilitate] [a free] access [to] [resource for] the [most accurate] [necessary] existing and future satellite imaging data available globally, given that the accuracy of the national forest monitoring system may improve depending on the financial and technical support received in order to build the required national capacity to access and process available satellite information and data;]
11. [*Also decides* that the [reported] reduced emissions [from sustainable management of forests] [or increased removals [or stabilized forest carbon stocks]] [from results-based actions] in the activities referred to in decision 1/CP .16, paragraph 70 [taking into account paragraph 71(b), [will] [may] be [subject to] [an international] [and] [national] [verification process, carried out by an independent] [third party] [[team of experts] under the auspices of the UNFCCC], [international consultation and analysis process] in accordance with [further guidelines to be developed under the Convention;] [any guidance on measurement, reporting and verification of nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties as agreed by the Conference of the Parties]]
12. [*Agrees* that, consistent with the forest reference emission level[s]/forest reference level[s], measurement should be done in terms of CO₂eq [and the other co-benefits, including local community, livelihood, poverty eradication, and biodiversity conservation] [to the same pools and gases, and activities listed in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, which have been used in the construction of forest reference emission level[s] or forest reference level[s]]]
13. [*Invites* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to elaborate methods and provide good practice guidance on measuring, reporting and verifying anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock and forest-area changes resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 [and taking into account paragraph 71(b)], to be

submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at a future session;]

14. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue its consideration of modalities for [measuring,]reporting and [verification of results-based actions [which preserve and enhance the multiple benefits of forests including adaptation, poverty alleviation, biodiversity and secure livelihoods]] [verifying anthropogenic forest-related emissions by sources and removals by sinks, forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock and forest-area changes resulting from the implementation of the activities] referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph [70] [73] [taking into account paragraph 71(b)], with the aim of completing its work on this matter at its [thirty-seventh] [thirty-ninth] session and reporting to the Conference of the Parties at its [eighteenth][nineteenth] session on progress made, including any recommendation for a draft decision on this matter;]

15. [*Also encourages* Parties to develop a system for measuring, reporting and verifying under the joint mitigation and adaptation approach for the integral and sustainable management of forests.]]
