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METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL BY BRAZIL

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recalled that the Conference of the Parties, at its third session (COP 3), decided that the proposal presented by Brazil in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3 should be referred to the SBSTA for advice regarding its methodological and scientific aspects (FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1, section III.3).
2. The SBSTA noted that the portion of that proposal referring to a clean development fund has now been overtaken by decisions taken at COP 3, in particular, consideration of the clean development mechanism defined in the Kyoto Protocol, decision 1/CP.3 on the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol and that Protocol's Annex B.
3. The SBSTA recognized that there are a number of methodological and scientific issues raised by the remainder of the proposal and that they are still being investigated by scientists in several countries. The SBSTA welcomed the offer by Brazil to host a workshop to further the understanding of the methodological and scientific aspects of the remainder of the proposal and invited Brazil to report back to the SBSTA, at its ninth session, on the workshop.
