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DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

COASTAL ADAPTATION TECHNOLOGIES

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the technical paper provided by the secretariat on coastal adaptation technologies (FCCC/TP/1999/1).
2. The SBSTA noted the need to develop endogenous capacities, technologies and know-how to enable Parties to evaluate and implement appropriate adaptation strategies and that coastal adaptation strategies incorporating soft engineering approaches, as well as planning and institutional measures, are particularly important.
3. The SBSTA recognized that coastal and other adaptation technologies are important to countries vulnerable to sea-level rise and its associated effects, particularly small island states, and that further work on such technologies, including their transfer, should be considered as part of the transfer of technology consultative process.
4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make new information on adaptation technologies, including coastal adaptation technologies, available to Parties, as appropriate, via the secretariat's web site.

5. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to:

(a) Consult with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) about the feasibility of the IPCC providing information to the SBSTA at its twelfth session on the applicability of regional climate models at the scale of small island states. Issues to be considered could include: projected sea-level rise; projected atmospheric temperature changes; sea surface temperatures; climate variability; rainfall; changes in global circulation patterns; human health and settlement; and any other finding that could assist in the evaluation of coastal adaptation technologies;

(b) Disseminate the information referred to in paragraph 5 (a) above to Parties, including the national focal points for the enabling activity projects for national communications, with the aim of improving reporting on coastal adaptation technologies in national communications.
