

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

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Agenda item 12

**COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Draft conclusions by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) welcomed the report made by the Director of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Secretariat, on behalf of the agencies participating in the Climate Agenda, on developments in the global observing systems and activities related to decision 5/CP.5. It noted with concern continued degradation in some components of the Global Climate Observing System, and recognized the need for Parties to work actively to reverse that situation.
2. The SBSTA recognized the importance of the Integrated Global Observing Strategy Partnership in developing the global observing systems for the oceans and terrestrial carbon sources and sinks in the global carbon cycle, and in promoting systematic observation.
3. The SBSTA took note of the outcome of the first GCOS regional workshop to identify capacity-building needs in the South Pacific region, held in Samoa in August 2000. The SBSTA expressed appreciation to Australia, the United States of America, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme for providing support for the workshop. It also noted the plans for a second regional workshop in Africa in early 2001.
4. The SBSTA welcomed the information provided by Australia on a supplementary reporting format to the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems.<sup>1</sup> It encouraged Parties to consider this information in preparing their national communications.
5. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information contained in a discussion note prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).<sup>2</sup> It took note of the decisions of the fifth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>3</sup> relating to forest biodiversity and marine and coastal biodiversity, particularly coral reefs, and their links to the UNFCCC. The SBSTA agreed to consider this matter in more detail at its fourteenth session. It invited Parties to submit their views on the issues identified in the discussion note prepared by the Executive Secretary of the CBD to the UNFCCC secretariat no later than 1 March 2001, to be included in a miscellaneous document.

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<sup>1</sup> See document FCCC/CP/1999/7, section III.

<sup>2</sup> The paper is available in three language versions on the CBD web site, [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

<sup>3</sup> Decisions V/3, V/4, V/15 and V/24 are available on [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).