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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 (COP), at its third session, decided that the proposal presented by Brazil in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3 should be referred to the SBSTA for its advice regarding the methodological and scientific aspects (FCCC/CP/1997/7 and Add.1).

2. The SBSTA took note of the progress report on the review of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2, including the conclusions of an expert meeting, held in Bonn from 28 to 30 May 2001, on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal.

3. The SBSTA encouraged Parties to pursue and support the research effort on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil recommended in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2 and to communicate such activities to the secretariat.

4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to coordinate activities on this issue and to organize an expert meeting to review progress on the development of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil, to broaden participation and build scientific understanding of this subject before its sixteenth session, and to prepare a report for that session. To this end, the SBSTA requested all Parties, especially those not included in Annex I to the Convention, to nominate further experts to the UNFCCC roster of experts.

5. The SBSTA decided to consider this matter further at its sixteenth session, and to decide on future actions at that session.

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