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**METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES ON REPORTING AND REVIEW OF GREENHOUSE GAS  
INVENTORIES FROM PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION  
(IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS 3/CP.5 AND 6/CP.5)**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) took note of the documents prepared for this session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/5 and Add.1, FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.4 and 5, and FCCC/SBI/2001/12) and the oral report of the secretariat on this agenda item.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the organization of an expert meeting by the secretariat on methodological and operational issues relating to the use of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories (reporting guidelines), and the UNFCCC guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (review guidelines), to be held from 4-6 December 2001 in Bonn. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare the report of the expert meeting for consideration at its sixteenth session.
3. The SBSTA agreed to defer the consideration of revisions of the reporting guidelines to its sixteenth session, when the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories conducted during the trial period would have been completed and the report of the expert meeting would be available. It also agreed to recommend an extension of the trial period for the reporting and review guidelines, which had been set by the subsidiary bodies at their tenth sessions, in order to facilitate the preparations for individual reviews of inventories from all Annex I Parties to be initiated in 2003. The reviews to be conducted in the year 2002 should take into account the experience gained so far in the trial period.

4. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on this subject for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session (for the text of this decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2001/L.9/Add.1).

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