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## **METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE LAND USE, LAND-USE CHANGE AND FORESTRY SECTOR**

#### **ISSUES RELATING TO EMISSIONS FROM FOREST HARVESTING AND WOOD PRODUCTS**

##### **Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairman**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the presentation by the IPCC on the progress of its work and its proposed work programme on land use, land-use change and forestry. The SBSTA noted that in developing this work programme, in accordance with decision *\_/CP.7*, the IPCC should give priority to the development of good practice guidance as mentioned in paragraph 2 below.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the work programme proposed by the IPCC relating to the development of good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry including separate sections for the purposes of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, noting specific additional requirements of the Kyoto Protocol, as elaborated in the draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP), on land use, land-use change and forestry and on Articles 5, 7 & 8, as contained in COP decisions *\_/CP.7* and *\_/CP.7*.
3. In the context of the UNFCCC requirements, the SBSTA took note of the IPCC plan to address consistent representation of land areas.
4. Noting paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the SBSTA also encouraged the IPCC to ensure that any elaboration of, or change to, the reporting of categories in chapter 5 of the 1996 Revised IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories allows for a comparison of

information reported using the Good Practice Guidance with previous inventory reporting under the Convention.

5. The SBSTA took note of the scoping paper proposed by the IPCC on the development of definitions for direct human-induced degradation and devegetation of forests and other vegetation types, and methodological options for inventorying and reporting on emissions resulting from these activities.
6. The SBSTA also took note of the proposed scoping paper of the IPCC on the development of practicable methodologies for factoring out direct human-induced changes in carbon stocks, and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks, from changes in carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks due to indirect human-induced effects, natural effects and effects due to past practices in forests.
7. The SBSTA noted the intention of the IPCC to include harvested wood in the development of good practice guidance, maintaining consistency with decision 3/CP.5. The SBSTA encouraged the IPCC to incorporate in its work any future COP and COP/MOP decisions and SBSTA conclusions on harvested wood products. Such work will not pre-empt the future discussions and work and any relevant decisions referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 below.
8. The SBSTA welcomed the involvement of the IPCC in the organization of the FAO-IPCC-CIFOR workshop on forest-related definitions, including biome-specific definitions and the terms 'forest degradation', and 'devegetation' to be held in Rome in January in 2002.
9. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to report at its next session and periodically thereafter on the progress of its work on the above issues.
10. The SBSTA encouraged those Parties interested in accounting for emissions from harvested wood products to continue their work and informal collaboration on aspects of this topic, and welcomed any future input from Parties regarding new insights and findings.
11. The SBSTA invited Parties to provide submissions on the implications of harvested wood products accounting, including views on different approaches and methodologies, by 15 January 2003 for compilation into an addendum to the miscellaneous document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1, for consideration at its eighteenth session.
12. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a technical paper on harvested wood products accounting, taking into account socio-economic and environmental impacts, including impacts on developing countries, for consideration at its nineteenth and, if necessary, subsequent sessions. This paper will be based, *inter alia*, on submissions from Parties contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1 and the addendum referred to in paragraph 11 above, the outcome of the IPCC expert meeting in Dakar, any technical information relating to paragraph 10 above, and other relevant sources of information. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare this technical paper with the assistance of a limited number of experts from the UNFCCC roster of experts, ensuring an adequate participation of experts from developing and developed countries,

as well as countries with economies in transition, given the issues to be addressed in the technical paper.

13. The SBSTA will further consider harvested wood products accounting and reporting at its twentieth and twenty-first sessions, taking into account the work and information referred to in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 above and the work of the IPCC on good practice guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry, with a view to recommending any relevant decisions to the COP and COP/MOP.

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