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**METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES**

**GUIDELINES 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 Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties (COP) two draft decisions on revisions to 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, and on revisions to the UNFCCC guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, for adoption by the COP at its eighth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.5/Add.1 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.5/Add.2).
2. The SBSTA noted the increasing number of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that have submitted complete annual inventories during the trial period established by decision 3/CP.5. The SBSTA urged those Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that have not submitted complete inventories, including the national inventory report and the common reporting format, in accordance with the guidelines, to do so as soon as possible.
3. The SBSTA noted that, for the review from 2003 onward of the national inventories of all Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, more review experts will be required to participate in the review process. It urged Parties to ensure that experts are made available for the review process, and that nominations to the roster of experts are made where necessary. The SBSTA also urged the secretariat, subject to the availability of supplementary funding in the current biennium, to continue the development of the greenhouse gas inventory database, related software and web site in order to further improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the technical review process.
4. The SBSTA noted the need to ensure the necessary expertise of experts participating in greenhouse gas inventory expert review teams under the Convention and decided to consider this issue, including the elaboration of the characteristics of the relevant training, at its seventeenth session, jointly with the similar item concerning Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, as requested in decision 23/CP.7.

5. The SBSTA decided to consider the treatment of confidential data during the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention, at its seventeenth session, jointly with the similar item concerning Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, as requested in decision 23/CP.7.

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