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”GOOD PRACTICES” IN POLICIES AND MEASURES¹

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The SBSTA, as agreed at its fifteenth session, considered further the Chairman’s report on the workshop on “good practices” in policies and measures (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.5). It also considered views submitted by Parties on possible further action to be undertaken in advancing the work on “good practices” in policies and measures (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.7).
2. The SBSTA concluded that, to consider further action, further views from the Parties are needed on the initial results obtained from the activities undertaken on “good and best practices” in policies and measures of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) in implementing the relevant elements of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decision 13/CP.7. This should include views on the following elements:
 - (a) Reports prepared by the secretariat on policies and measures of Annex I Parties, including compilation and synthesis reports of the national communications of Annex I Parties;
 - (b) Content and scope of presentations at the workshops;
 - (c) Activities undertaken as compared with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and conclusions of the SBSTA;
 - (d) Means and tools to share information and experiences.
3. The SBSTA requested the Chair of the SBSTA to organize intersessional consultations to exchange views on the issues identified in paragraph 2 above back to back with the seventeenth session of the SBSTA. It also requested the Chair of the SBSTA to report on the results of this exchange of views at its seventeenth session.

¹ On the agenda of future SBSTA sessions the title of this agenda item should correspond to the title of decision 13/CP.7.

4. The SBSTA agreed on a frame for defining what further steps should be taken in advancing the work on “good practices” in policies and measures of Annex I Parties in implementing decision 13/CP.7. The frame consists of three elements:

- (a) General information-sharing;
- (b) Information-sharing in specific areas encompassing all relevant sectors and cross-cutting and methodological issues;
- (c) Information from relevant international and intergovernmental organizations active in the area of policies and measures relevant to the Convention.

5. The steps to be identified in paragraph 4 will be defined in the context of decision 13/CP.7, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

6. General information-sharing encompasses the ongoing work by the secretariat on compilation of information on policies and measures of Annex I Parties reported by Annex I Parties in their third national communications, performed pursuant to the conclusion of the SBSTA at its fifteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/8, para. 35 (c)) and relevant future work by the secretariat on the national communications following the third national communication. It also encompasses elaboration of innovative information-sharing tools such as web-based tools.

7. The SBSTA invited the relevant international and intergovernmental organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), pursuant to decision 13/CP.7, to present a status report on their activities to the SBSTA at its seventeenth session and also to its future sessions.

8. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit views on the elements identified in paragraphs 2 and 4 above by 18 August 2002.

9. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its seventeenth session, the further steps to be taken in advancing the work on “good practices” in policies and measures of Annex I Parties in implementing decision 13/CP.7 in the frame for action referred to in paragraph 4 above considering the input from the exchange of views on the initial results, submissions by the Parties on the frame and the information received from the relevant international and intergovernmental organizations.

[10. The SBSTA agreed that in addressing policies and measures of Annex I Parties, two principles must be addressed. These two are inseparable and need to be simultaneously satisfied. These are:

- (a) The policies and measures result in greenhouse gas emission reduction and enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of policies and measures, such as those in Article 2, paragraph 1 (a) of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular by sharing experience and exchanging information at a technical level, and taking into account national circumstances:

- (b) Minimize adverse effects, including the adverse effects of climate change, effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on developing country Parties.]
