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DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1.   The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) noted with appreciation the annual report of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/9), and the progress report by the secretariat on the implementation of activities under decision 4/CP.7 (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/10).

2.   The SBSTA also took note of the oral report of the Chair of the EGTT and the report of the second meeting of the EGTT held from 20 to 21 October 2002 in New Delhi, India (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/CRP.7). It expressed its appreciation to Mr. Jukka Uosukainen (Finland) and Mr. William Kojo Agyemang Bonsu (Ghana), the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the EGTT, for their valuable leadership and contribution to the work of the EGTT during 2002. It welcomed the election of Mr. William Kojo Agyemang Bonsu as Chair and Mr. Richard Bradley (United States of America) as Vice-Chair of the group for 2003.

3.   The SBSTA noted that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is in the process of developing a simplified and user-friendly handbook on methodologies for technology needs assessments. It welcomed the UNDP plan to seek comments from the EGTT on the draft handbook and to finalize it by December 2002.

4.   The SBSTA urged developed country Parties to continue to provide support to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in conducting their technology needs assessments.

5.   The SBSTA welcomed the International Energy Agency/Climate Technology Initiative (IEA/CTI) and UNDP–GEF plan to hold the African regional workshop on technology needs assessments and technology information on 9–13 December 2002 in Dakar, Senegal. It encouraged the IEA/CTI, UNDP–GEF, UNEP and other organizations to continue providing assistance to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for their technology needs assessments and workshops. It further encouraged the IEA/CTI and other organizations to organize the remaining workshops contained in the EGTT programme of work, giving special attention to small island developing States and the least developed countries.

6.   The SBSTA encouraged the organizers of the workshops to engage the private sector, where possible, and to provide assessments upon conclusion to the EGTT, including the lessons learned.

7.   The SBSTA noted the progress of work on TT:CLEAR and requested the secretariat to continue its work, including exploring appropriate linkages with other networks. It invited UNEP to collaborate further with the secretariat in establishing a link between TT:CLEAR and the Sustainable Alternatives Network (SANet), including the latter's function of 'matchmaking' between persons and/or organizations interested in the transfer of environmentally sound technologies. It further invited UNEP to present to the EGTT, at its third meeting, an update on the status of the GEF-funded UNEP project on SANet activities and on the possible contributions this project can provide to the current programme of work of the EGTT.

8.   The SBSTA, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), invited the GEF to prepare a report synthesizing the lessons learned on the development and transfer of technologies based on its climate change-related projects, and to make it available to the EGTT as an input to its future work.

9.   The SBSTA requested the SBI, at its seventeenth session, to consider the special needs relating to technology transfer activities when recommending to the Conference of the Parties a decision on the financial mechanism.

10.   The SBSTA requested the secretariat, resources permitting:

        (a)   To prepare a technical paper outlining experiences, lessons learned, success stories and challenges in building the capacity of developing country Parties, and Parties with economies in transition, in the development and transfer of technologies. The paper should also identify possible prioritized capacity-building activities relating to the development and transfer of technologies;

        (b)   To prepare a technical paper on enabling environments for technology transfer on the basis of terms of reference recommended by the EGTT, for consideration by the EGTT at its third meeting;

        (c)   To organize a workshop on enabling environments for technology transfer in April 2003, with the aim of facilitating an exchange of views and experiences to promote enabling environments, and to report on the findings of the workshop to the SBSTA at its eighteenth session.

11.   The SBSTA welcomed the offer of the Government of Belgium to host the workshop on enabling environments for technology transfer under the Convention, mentioned in paragraph 10 (c) above. The SBSTA noted the financial contribution of the Government of Finland, and invited other Parties in a position to do so, to provide funding, and to ensure the widest possible participation of experts from developing country Parties.

12.   [The SBSTA invited the SBI, in formulating its draft decision on the financial mechanism, to consider the financial requirements in implementing the activities listed below, as initial priority areas of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of the Article 4, paragraph 5 of the Convention:

        (a)   Country-driven technology needs assessments;

        (b)   Capacity-building activities relating to development of skills and know-how in conducting technology needs assessments, and to strengthening the endogenous capacities and capabilities in research, development, technological innovation, adoption and adaptation, and technology for systematic observation relevant to climate change and its associated adverse effects.]

13.   [The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on this subject for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session (for the text of this decision, see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.29/Add.1]

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