

IV. Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change (Agenda item 4)

16. The SBSTA took note of the submissions from Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2004/MISC.13 and Add.1.

17. The SBSTA welcomed the exchange of views between Parties and other participants in the in-session workshop on mitigation and took note with appreciation of the summary of the workshop by the Chair of the SBSTA.

18. The SBSTA noted that there are many existing technologies and practices that have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and contribute to sustainable development, and that more effort is needed to overcome the barriers to broader application of these technologies and practices. The SBSTA further noted that innovation, deployment and diffusion of new technologies will be essential for mitigating climate change in the long term.

19. The SBSTA agreed to continue to focus its work on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate implementation of the Convention as mandated by the COP by its decision 10/CP.9.

20. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, an in-session workshop during its twenty-second session (May 2005) in order to continue the exchange of information and sharing of experiences and views on practical opportunities and solutions for mitigation that contribute to sustainable development, focusing on the following topics:

- (a) Factors that affect mitigation technology innovation, deployment and diffusion, including international cooperative efforts, and identification and removal of barriers
- (b) Socio-economic aspects of mitigation, such as costs and benefits, co-benefits, poverty reduction and economic impacts, including spillover effects.

21. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 14 February 2005, their views on the organization of the in-session workshop, for compilation into a miscellaneous document.

22. The SBSTA further invited Parties to submit, by 5 August 2005, their views on lessons learned from the mitigation workshops held to date and any future steps under this agenda item. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document to facilitate the ongoing consideration of these topics under this agenda item by SBSTA at its twenty-third session.