

IX. Reporting and review of information submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
(Agenda item 9)

89. The SBI took note of the document containing information on the status of submission and review of the initial reports submitted in accordance with decision 13/CMP.1 by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.³⁹

90. The SBI noted with appreciation the work of the expert review teams and the secretariat that enabled successful and timely completion of the reviews of the initial reports submitted in 2006 and 2007.

91. The SBI reiterated its conclusions at its twenty-seventh session that, in accordance with decision 22/CMP.1, Annex I Parties may start reporting, on a voluntary basis, information under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol with the inventory submission due under the Convention from the year following the submission of the initial report, and that this information shall be reviewed in accordance with the “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol”; this review will be conducted in conjunction with the annual review of greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention.

92. The SBI recalled paragraphs 99 and 100 of its conclusions at its twenty-seventh session⁴⁰ and paragraphs 62 and 63 of the conclusions of the SBSTA at its twenty-seventh session⁴¹ and reiterated that the review process needs further strengthening, in particular through the participation of an increased number of well-trained review experts; it encouraged Parties to continue to nominate new experts to the roster of experts and to update this roster. It encouraged Parties to continue to ensure that experts nominated to the roster of experts participate in the training programmes under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol and that they are made available to participate in the review process. It recalled the request of the SBSTA to the secretariat to update the training programme under the Convention and reiterated its request to the secretariat to update and complement the training programme under the Kyoto Protocol, and encouraged Parties in a position to do so to provide the necessary funding for the training programmes.

93. The SBI urged Parties to continue to ensure effective reporting and review processes under both the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol. It emphasized that improvement of these processes is of critical importance and invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 19 September 2008, information on their experiences with and lessons learned from the review process, including recommendations for improvements, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document to be made available to the SBI at its twenty-ninth session.

94. The SBI agreed to continue its consideration on this agenda item at its twenty-ninth session, taking into account the “Annual report on the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” to be

³⁹ FCCC/SBI/2008/INF.2.

⁴⁰ FCCC/SBI/2007/34.

⁴¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/16.

considered by the SBSTA at its twenty-ninth session as well as the conclusions and recommendations from the meetings of lead reviewers.