

V. Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries

(Agenda item 5)

85. The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/10 containing the report on the workshop on reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries, held in Rome, Italy, from 30 August to 1 September 2006. It expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy and to the FAO for hosting the workshop, and to the Governments of Australia, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand and Sweden and the FAO for their financial support for the workshop.

86. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize, subject to the availability of supplementary funding, a second workshop on this issue before its twenty-sixth session, and to prepare a report¹⁸ on that workshop for consideration by the SBSTA at that session.

87. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to ensure that representatives from relevant accredited observers and experts are invited to the workshop.¹⁹

88. The SBSTA decided to continue discussing the range of topics considered at the first workshop, referred to in paragraph 85 above,²⁰ including the submissions referred to in paragraph 89 below, at the second workshop, that will focus on: the discussions of ongoing and potential policy approaches and positive incentives, and technical and methodological requirements related to their implementation; assessment of results and their reliability; and improving the understanding of reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries.

89. To facilitate discussions at the second workshop, the SBSTA invited Parties and accredited observers to submit to the secretariat, by 23 February 2007, their views on the topics referred to in paragraph 88 above. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to make available this information for discussion at the workshop and to compile this information for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-sixth session.

90. The SBSTA invited Parties, in their submissions referred to in paragraph 89 above, to consider, as appropriate, relevant provisions of other conventions, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) and also the work of multilateral organizations, including the United Nations Forum on Forests, the International Tropical Timber Organization, and the World Trade Organization.

91. The SBSTA invited non-Annex I Parties that are in a position to do so, and on a voluntary basis, to submit to the secretariat, by 23 February 2007, any updated information and data additional to that provided in their latest national communications

¹⁸ Depending on the timing of the workshop, its report may not become available before the document deadline.

¹⁹ This should include, as appropriate, representatives from business and industry, environmental, indigenous peoples, and research and independent organizations, and local government and municipal authorities.

²⁰ FCCC/SBSTA/2006/5, paragraph 52 (a) to (c).

and synthesized in the background paper²¹ prepared for the workshop referred to in paragraph 85 above, on emissions and trends in deforestation, data needs, and policies and programmes in place or being considered to address deforestation and its root causes. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to compile and make available the information at the second workshop, and to provide a short presentation at the workshop.

92. The SBSTA agreed to initiate consideration, at its twenty-sixth session, of the two workshop reports referred to in paragraphs 85 and 86 above and relevant elements that could be included in its report at its twenty-seventh session on this agenda item, including any recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth session.²² The SBSTA also agreed to consider, at its twenty-sixth session, the process forward, including the possible need for background papers, a third workshop, expert meetings and/or informal consultations to be initiated before its twenty-seventh session.

²¹ See working paper No. 1 (c) (2006), Addendum 1
<http://unfccc.int/files/methods_and_science/lulucf/application/pdf/addendum_i_ncs.pdf>.

²² FCCC/CP/2005/5, paragraph 83.