

VII. Methodological issues under the Convention (Agenda item 7)

B. Issues relating to greenhouse gas inventories (Agenda item 7 (b))

106. The SBSTA welcomed the report by the secretariat on activities relating to the technical review of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/INF.6. The SBSTA noted that these activities, including individual inventory reviews, the meetings of inventory lead reviewers and the training programme for review experts, have contributed to improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of the review process, the quality of inventories of Annex I Parties and the reliability of information available to the COP. It requested the secretariat to continue these activities, subject to the availability of resources.

107. The SBSTA noted the importance of the training programme for new GHG inventory reviewers. The training programme has resulted in better prepared reviewers and easier integration of new review experts into the expert review teams. The SBSTA also noted the capacity-building role of participation in the review process for experts from countries in the process of transition to a market economy and from non-Annex I Parties. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to update the training programme in 2007, as necessary, and to continue with the training of review experts nominated to the roster of experts, subject to the availability of resources. The SBSTA encouraged Parties in a position to do so to support the activities relating to the training programme.

108. The SBSTA noted the need for sufficient review experts, and encouraged Parties to nominate experts with relevant expertise to the UNFCCC roster of experts and to support their active participation in the review process.

109. The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2006/9 containing the updated "Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories" and requested Parties to make use of the updated document in their preparation of national inventories.

110. The SBSTA decided to recommend draft conclusions³¹ on this matter for adoption by the COP at its twelfth session.