

## **VIII. Development and transfer of technologies**

(Agenda item 8)

### **B. Work programme of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for 2006**

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79. The SBSTA welcomed the report of the EGTT for 2005 (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.10) and endorsed the proposed work programme of the EGTT for 2006 as contained in the annex to that document. It expressed its appreciation to Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago), the Chair of the EGTT, and Mr. Bernard Mazijn (Belgium), the Vice-Chair, for their valuable contributions in leading the EGTT to successfully implement its work programme for 2005.

80. The SBSTA also welcomed the election of Mr. Bernard Mazijn (Belgium) as Chair and Mr. Chow Kok Kee (Malaysia) as Vice-Chair of the EGTT for 2006 and the experts nominated by Parties to serve on the EGTT for 2006 (see annex II).

81. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the assistance provided by the Governments of Canada, Norway and the United States of America, the European Community, UNDP and UNEP, as well as the CTI and the private sector, for the successful implementation of the EGTT work programme for 2005. It encouraged Parties, relevant international organizations and the private sector to support the EGTT in implementing its work programme for 2006.

82. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, resources permitting, to organize a special working session of the EGTT in early 2006 to enable the group to further elaborate its recommendations for enhancing the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006).

83. The SBSTA further requested the EGTT to organize, with the assistance of the secretariat, a side event (as indicated in the EGTT work programme for 2006) on issues surrounding the transfer of publicly owned technologies and those in the public domain, including the role of governments in facilitating, to the extent practicable, the access to and transfer of such technologies to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. It also requested the EGTT to consider appropriate next steps on this matter, taking into consideration the discussion at the side event, and to report to the SBSTA for its consideration at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006).