

VIII. Development and transfer of technologies

(Agenda item 8)

A. Matters relating to the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention

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66. The SBSTA welcomed the report prepared by the secretariat on the outcomes of the seminar on the development and transfer of technologies for adaptation to climate change, held from 14 to 16 June 2005 in Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/8). It expressed its appreciation for the support provided by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in hosting this seminar.

67. The SBSTA acknowledged that the seminar provided a useful forum for broadening understanding on: concepts, needs for, and identification and evaluation of, technologies for adaptation; sharing lessons learned; and identifying promising areas of future work. It also acknowledged that, of the lessons learned, the importance of endogenous knowledge was particularly relevant.

68. The SBSTA took note of the initial report by the secretariat on the pilot project on networking between the UNFCCC technology information clearing house (TT:CLEAR) and national and regional technology information centres (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/INF.9). It also acknowledged the useful contribution this activity could make towards enhancing networking among technology information centres and to enabling Parties to gain access to relevant technology information, and encouraged broader participation through seeking more partners from developed and developing countries and international organizations.

69. The SBSTA noted the oral report by the secretariat on the outcomes of the workshop on innovative options for financing the results of technology needs assessments held on 20 and 21 October 2005 in Bonn, Germany. It welcomed the active engagement of the private sector in this workshop and looked forward to the full report of this workshop, and the technical paper on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies, being prepared by the secretariat for consideration by the SBSTA at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006).

70. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the assistance provided by the Governments of Canada, Norway and the United States of America, the European Community, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI) and the private sector, for conducting the activities mentioned in paragraphs 66 to 69 above.

71. The SBSTA looked forward to the technical paper, being prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the EGTT, entitled “Application of environmentally sound technologies for adaptation to climate change”, based on the outcomes of the above-mentioned seminar in Trinidad and Tobago, for consideration at SBSTA 24 with a view to deciding on the preparation of a compendium/guide on technologies for adaptation to promote further dissemination of information on these technologies.

72. The SBSTA acknowledged that a number of activities and initiatives relating to technology were under way in other forums and that Parties should be cognizant of areas of mutual interest.

73. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to enhance outreach efforts to promote the understanding of Parties in the application and use of the networking activities referred to in paragraph 68 above.

74. The SBSTA invited Parties in a position to do so to provide support to the secretariat for conducting the activities mentioned in paragraph 73 above.

75. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on this subject (FCCC/SBSTA/2005/L.24/Add.1) for adoption by the COP at its eleventh session.²⁸

²⁸ For the text as adopted, see document FCCC/CP/2005/4/Add.1, decision 6/CP.11.