

IV. Consideration of relevant methodological issues (Agenda item 4)

40. In accordance with its conclusions at its resumed fifth session,²² the AWG-KP continued its work on the consideration of relevant methodological issues.

41. The AWG-KP noted the need to maintain a coherent approach between the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, where appropriate, when considering relevant methodological issues, in relation to the commitments of Annex I Parties.

42. The AWG-KP acknowledged that the application of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* for the purpose of providing information on anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol should be subject to any decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the CMP that result from the consideration of these guidelines by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its thirtieth session.

43. The AWG-KP took note of the new information on global warming potentials (GWPs) in the AR4, which are used to calculate the CO₂ equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of the GHGs listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol. It also took note of the findings of the AR4 relating to the shortcomings of GWPs.

44. The AWG-KP acknowledged that there are common metrics other than GWPs that could be used to calculate the CO₂ equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHGs listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol. These include global temperature potentials (GTPs), which were mentioned in the AR4. The AWG-KP also acknowledged that the AR4 does not include GTP values and that, currently, GTP values are not published for all GHGs included in the AR4.

45. The AWG-KP invited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to undertake further technical assessment of alternative common metrics. It noted the need for work to be carried out by the SBSTA, drawing on the results of the work of the IPCC on the potential implications of applying alternative common metrics.

46. The AWG-KP agreed to further consider, at its resumed sixth session, GWPs and alternative common metrics, as well as the implications of their application in the second commitment period.

²² FCCC/KP/AWG/2008/3, paragraph 37.