

VIII. Methodological issues under the Convention (Agenda item 8)

B. Greenhouse gas data interface (Agenda item 8 (b))

70. The SBSTA welcomed the progress made by the secretariat in providing a simple and user-friendly interface to assist Parties in searching and sorting available GHG inventory data.³⁴ The SBSTA noted with appreciation that the secretariat completed its work before its twenty-seventh session.³⁵

71. The SBSTA recognized that the interface requires continuous support from, and maintenance by, the secretariat, which has resource implications. The SBSTA invited Parties in a position to do so to provide resources for support and maintenance of the interface.

72. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to use population and gross domestic product (GDP) data that are publicly available on the website of the Statistics Division of the United Nations,³⁶ noting that the sources of population and GDP data may need to be further considered at a future session. The exact source of the data used should be clearly shown on the interface.

73. The SBSTA noted that the common reporting format (CRF) data prepared using the CRF Reporter software are readily available for import into the UNFCCC GHG database. The import of data in other formats may have resource implications.

74. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to include on the interface, by its twenty-ninth session, a new function to provide, in a simple and user-friendly form, the facility to calculate user-defined indicators from the emissions, population and GDP data available through the interface, subject to the availability of resources.

75. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to develop, before its twenty-eighth session, a separate section on the interface providing access to total national emissions data for the base year under the Kyoto Protocol for the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, as soon as these data have been reviewed and finalized through the initial review process.

76. The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its twenty-ninth session, matters relating to the further development of the interface with a view to evaluating progress and determining further steps, including the possibility to include information related to the Kyoto Protocol in the interface.

³⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2004/13, paragraph 58, FCCC/SBSTA/2006/5, paragraph 143, and FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, paragraph 64.

³⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2007/4, paragraph 64.

³⁶ <<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm>>. The data series for inclusion in the interface are "Population, official mid-year estimates (thousands)" and "GDP at market prices, constant 2000 US\$ (World Bank estimates)".