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MATTERS RELATED TO UNFCCC - SUMMARY OF DECISIONS RELEVANT FOR IPCC

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

UN Climate Change Conference in Montreal (December 2005)
Summary of decisions relevant for IPCC

The 11th Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the UNFCCC, the First Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 1) and meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies SBSTA and SBI took place from 29 November to 9 December 2005 in Montreal, Canada.

At this conference several conclusions were reached and decisions taken, which refer to IPCC activities or are of relevance for the IPCC workprogramme. They have already been brought to the attention of the IPCC Bureau and the Co-chairs of the Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis (TGICA) in order to initiate appropriate follow up.

SBSTA 23

Agenda item 10 (b) - Cooperation with relevant international organizations - Cooperation with other conventions, scientific organizations and United Nations bodies

The update on the IPCC workprogramme was noted with appreciation in the SBSTA conclusions.

The SBSTA welcomed the IPCC *Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage* and expressed its gratitude to the IPCC for preparing the report. The SBSTA agreed that at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006) an in-session workshop be organized to increase the understanding of carbon dioxide capture and storage through an overview of the Special Report and through experiences and lessons learned. This workshop would also cover relevant provisions of the forthcoming *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*. (Attachment 1).

Agenda item 3 - Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change

This item was introduced following consideration of the IPCC Third Assessment Report (TAR). COP 11 agreed on a five-year programme of work of the SBSTA on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and requested SBSTA to start by undertaking the initial activities specified in the conclusions of the SBSTA 23; to consider and further elaborate at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006) additional activities and modalities of the programme of work, and "to consider, at its twenty-eighth session (June 2008), further activities as well as appropriate timing and modalities for their inclusion in the programme of work based on the results of the initial activities, information presented in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other new scientific information, as well as relevant activities from international and regional institutions;" (Attachment 2).

The initial SBSTA programme of work contains a number of references to cooperation with relevant international programmes and specific references to the IPCC and TGICA. (Attachment 3).

Agenda item 4 - Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation of climate change

This item was also introduced following consideration of the IPCC TAR. SBSTA 23 "agreed to continue its work on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation, and to focus on exchanging information and sharing experiences and views among Parties on practical opportunities and solutions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention as mandated by decision 10/CP.9." The SBSTA requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to organize workshops at each of its next four sessions, on the following themes:

- (a) Agriculture, forestry and rural development (in-session, SBSTA 24 (May 2006))
- (b) Urban planning and development, including transportation (in-session, SBSTA 25 (November 2006))
- (c) Energy efficiency, including industry, and residential and commercial end-use (pre-session, SBSTA 26 (May 2007))

- (d) Power generation, including clean fossil fuels and renewable energy (pre-session, SBSTA 26)
- (e) Non-CO2 emissions, including methane recovery and utilization (in-session, SBSTA 27 (December 2007)).

Item 6 (b) Methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol Implications of the implementation of project activities under the clean development mechanism, referred to in decision 12/CP.10, for the achievement of objectives of other environmental conventions and protocols.

Under this item SBSTA considered an issue which was also addressed in the IPCC Special Report on Safeguarding the Ozone Layer and the Global Climate system, the destruction of byproduct emissions of HFC-23 from HCFC-22 production. Following SBSTA recommendations COP/MOP1 recognized that issuing certified emission reductions for hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23) destruction at new HCFC-22 facilities could lead to higher global production of HCFC-22 and/or HFC-23 than would otherwise occur and that the clean development mechanism should not lead to such increases and, that the destruction of HFC-23 is an important measure to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. No agreement was reached on guidance to the Clean Development Mechanism and SBSTA will continue its deliberations.

COP 11

In its decision on a "**Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention**" COP 11 agreed "that the dialogue will be informed by the best available scientific information and assessment on climate change and its impacts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as other relevant scientific, technical, social and economic information;"

COP 11 agreed to the new date for COP 13, which is now scheduled from 3-14 December 2007.