

technology information needs prepared by the University of Amsterdam (IVAM Environmental Research) and distributed during the session;⁴

(b) The SBSTA noted the results of the expanded technology and technology needs survey, and in particular:

- (i) Agreed that the identification of technology and technology information needs at the country level is an important step in relation to the improvement and/or development of modalities for the diffusion and transfer of and access to those technologies, particularly for developing countries;
- (ii) Noted that the national communications of non-Annex I Parties are an important means of identifying technology and technology information needs to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change, in accordance with paragraph 21 of the annex to decision 10/CP.2, and to facilitate the implementation of their obligations under the Convention, in accordance with paragraph 20 of that same annex, and may include other relevant information, in accordance with decision 10/CP.2; and urged non-Annex I Parties to identify their financial and technological needs in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to that decision (FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1);
- (iii) Requested the SBI in considering additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), to take note that priority should be given to the need to build capacity in developing countries to identify and analyse technology and technology information needs; and
- (iv) Urged Annex II Parties to continue to provide support to non-Annex I Parties to identify and assess their technology and technology information needs;

(c) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare an initial draft of a work programme on the development and transfer of technology for its ninth session, and in so doing, to consult with other relevant international organizations and bodies. It also requested the Chairman of the SBSTA to convene informal open-ended consultations on these questions at its ninth session;

⁴ R. van Berkel and E. Arkesteijn, *Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies and Practices Under the Climate Convention: Survey of Experiences, Needs and Opportunities Among Non-Annex II countries*, IVAM Environmental Research, University of Amsterdam, 1998.