

(b) Noted with appreciation the close collaboration between the IPCC and the secretariat, particularly in the work on inventories of GHG emissions, and strongly supported the future work programme of the IPCC, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the International Energy Agency (OECD/IEA) on this topic. It requested the IPCC/OECD/IEA in its work on inventories to consider accelerating its task on uncertainties, so that the results could be taken into consideration by the SBSTA;

(c) Noted and strongly supported the work programmes identified in FCCC/SB/1997/INF.2 and conducted by other international organizations, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/RISO) on assessing mitigation measures and policies, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on methods for assessing industrial mitigation technologies and UNEP on methods for assessing impacts of climate change; and

(d) Invited the above international organizations to continue to provide information on their work to the SBSTA.

26. Regarding the work programme to be conducted by the secretariat in the next biennium, the SBSTA:

(a) Decided that the highest priority should be given to activities related to the application of the methods for GHG inventories and high priority be given to projections of GHG emissions and sinks; and

(b) Decided that priority should also be given to methods for evaluating and monitoring the effectiveness and effects of specific policies and measures and for assessing adaptation strategies and technologies.

27. On the basis of the above, the SBSTA urged the SBI to give consideration to the indicative budget, reflecting priorities for methodological work, proposed in the following table in establishing a UNFCCC budget for the next biennium.