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DRAFT DECISION -- /COP.3

✓ At its sixth session, the SBI and the SBSTA jointly decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session.

✓ Division of labour between the SBSTA and the SBI

The Cop. at its 3rd session,
1. ✓ Recalling Articles 9 and 10 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

2. ✓ Recalling its decision at its second session that the division of labour between the SBSTA and the SBI be taken up by COP.3 on the basis of recommendations made to it by the Chairmen of the two subsidiary bodies (FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add. 1, page 69).

3. ✓ Having considered the recommendations made by the Chairmen, through the conclusions of SBSTA and SBI, as included in the reports of their sixth sessions, COP.3 decides to further elaborate the division of labour between the SBSTA and the SBI, as given below.

✓ General approach

1. ✓ A. The division of labour is governed by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and by decisions 6/CP.1, and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

2. ✓ B. As indicated in decision 6/CP.1, the role of the subsidiary bodies can be broadly characterized as follows:

- (a) The SBSTA will be the link between the scientific, technical and technological assessments and the information provided by competent international bodies, and the policy-oriented needs of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) The SBI will develop recommendations to assist the Conference of the Parties in its review and assessment of the implementation of the Convention and in the preparation and implementation of its decisions.

3. ✓ C. The consideration of issues which are pertinent to both bodies, should take place in a way which is efficient in the use of time during meetings, to avoid confusion,