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**RESEARCH AND SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATION**

**Priorities for actions arising from the second adequacy report, with particular reference to the Global Climate Observing System steering committee report to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its eighteenth session**

**Submissions from Parties**

**Addendum**

1. In addition to the nine submissions contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2003/MISC.10, one further submission has been received.
2. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES, ON DOCUMENT FCCC/SBSTA/2003/L.4, PARAGRAPH 9**

**Views on the priorities for actions arising from the second adequacy report**

Research and systemic observation.

".... views the full implementation of the ocean climate observing system as a priority requirement. Deployment of surface data-bouy arrays capable of making high quality observations of surface and upper ocean climate variables in data sparce oceanic regions, perticularly in the South Indian ocean is considered essencial. As most of the developing countries are not in a position to participate fully in global observing systems for climate, particularly due to lack of resources, Sri Lanka welcomes the initiation of a voluntary funding mechanism to support needs relating to global observing systems in developing countries.

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