

## Submission by Chile

### Views of term and mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for continuation of the group

1. Chile welcomes the opportunity to submit to the secretariat, its views on the term and mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for continuation of the group, in response to decision 14/CP.17, paragraph 2.
2. Chile also welcomes the decision of the Parties to continue the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention under its current mandate until the end of 2012.
3. Chile fully shares the view stated in decision 14/CP.17, which acknowledges that the CGE has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of and preparation of, national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention by providing technical advice and support and therefore enhancing the capacity of such Parties to prepare their national communications.

On the current mandate of the CGE:

4. Notwithstanding the significant support already provided by the CGE to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, Chile believes there is still a significant role for the CGE to play in improving the process of and preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
5. Chile therefore supports the continuation of the current mandate of the CGE as stated in Decision 5/CP.15 of improving the process of and preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties.

On an expanded mandate of the CGE:

6. Chile welcomes paragraphs 39 and 41 of decision 2/CP.17 which, respectively, adopt guidelines for the preparation of biennial update reports by non-Annex I Parties (BURs) and decide that non-Annex I Parties, consistent with their capabilities and level of support provided for reporting, should submit their first biennial update report by December 2014.
7. Chile notes that the preparation of biennial update reports by non-Annex I Parties will require additional technical advice and support to non-Annex I countries, as well as an enhanced capacity of the teams that will be responsible for the preparation of BURs. The CGE, as an existing group already working to enhance the reporting capacity of developing countries, should also provide technical advice and support for the preparation of BURs. Chile therefore urges Parties to expand the current mandate of the CGE to include the objective of improving the process of and preparation of biennial update reports.
8. In accordance with this extended mandate, Chile proposes that the CGE assume the following additional responsibilities related to the preparation of BURs:

- a. Provide technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their biennial update reports, taking into consideration the guidelines adopted in paragraph 39 of decision 2/CP.17
- b. Provide recommendations, as appropriate, on elements to be considered in the future review and revision of the guidelines for biennial update reports, to take place as specified in decision 2/CP.17, Annex III, paragraph 21.
- c. Provide technical support to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of BURs, including the preparation of training materials that would aid NAI countries in the preparation of BURs. These materials would address any additional reporting requirements not covered by training materials for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties.
- d. Participate in the design of and approach to the training of staff from non-Annex I Parties responsible for the preparation of biennial update reports.

On the need for the continuation of the group:

9. Considering the important work that the CGE has done and should continue to do to enhance the capacity of non-Annex I countries to prepare their national communications, and also taking into account the 2014 submission date for biennial update reports and the guidelines for these reports adopted in decision 2/CP.17, Chile strongly believes it is necessary to continue the work of the CGE beyond 2012.