

**Draft decision -/ CP.17**

**The Financial mechanism of the Convention: Least Developed Countries Fund: support for the implementation of elements of the least developed countries work programme other than national adaptation programmes of action**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recognizing* the specific needs and special circumstances of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

*Recalling* its decisions 5/CP.7, 3/CP.11, 5/CP.14, and 5/CP.16,

*Noting* the passage of 10 years since the least developed countries work programme was adopted by decision 5/CP.7 and the progress in the preparation and implementation of the national adaptation programmes of action,

*Also recognizing* the work that still needs to be done to effectively implement national adaptation programmes of action,

*Also noting* that the implementation of the remaining elements of the least developed countries work programme will further enable the least developed countries to implement their national adaptation programmes of action in a timely and efficient manner and to participate effectively in the Convention,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, entrusted with managing the Least Developed Countries Fund:

(a) To continue to provide information to the least developed countries to further clarify project baselines and the application for accessing funding from the Least Developed Countries Fund in order to develop and implement projects under national adaptation programmes of action to address the effects of climate change;

(b) To support the development of a programmatic approaches for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action by those least developed country Parties who wish to do so;

(c) To further explore opportunities to streamline the Least Developed Countries Fund project cycle, particularly during the project preparation stage;

(d) To further improve the provision of information to least developed countries on the project development process for projects being considered under the Least Developed Countries Fund;

2. *Requests*, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to provide further specification each of the elements of the least developed countries work programme other than the national adaptation programmes of action, in consultation with the Global Environment Facility and report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-sixth session, with a view to informing the Conference of Parties on guidance to be provided to the Global Environment Facility on support for the implementation of the elements of the least developed countries work programme other than the national adaptation programmes of action;

3. *Invites* least developed country Parties to provide details on project processing to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for it to compile and analyse, with a view to providing results of the analysis to the Conference of the Parties, for its consideration as part of the review of the implementation of decision 5/CP.16 at its eighteenth session.