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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN  
ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON NATIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO  
THE CONVENTION**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the report by the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) on its first meeting (FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.17) and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Mexico for hosting that meeting.
2. The SBI also took note of the work programme of the CGE for the period 2003–2007 including the hands-on training workshops on thematic areas of national communications of non-Annex I Parties. The SBI noted that these workshops aim to provide technical advice to non-Annex I Parties and to assist them in the preparation of their second and, where appropriate, initial and third national communications. To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the workshops, the SBI requested the CGE and the secretariat, when organizing regional workshops, to seek to invite experts working on the different areas of national communications, taking into account other relevant activities and programmes (e.g., the national adaptation programmes of action (NAPA) processes). The SBI acknowledged that the financial and technical resources available may not be sufficient for the amount of work that the CGE is mandated to do and that the CGE will need to take into account available resources in implementing its work programme. The SBI therefore invited Annex II Parties to contribute financial resources to support the organization of the workshops to be conducted by the CGE, pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision 3/CP.8.
3. The SBI concluded that closer cooperation with expert groups established under the Convention, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Expert Group on Technology Transfer, would be beneficial to the work of the CGE. The SBI encouraged the CGE, in its work on supporting the process of preparation of national communications, to take into account activities of the National Communication Support Programme (NCSP) of the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme. The SBI further concluded that, in the

fulfilment of the mandate of the CGE, it will be beneficial for the CGE, in its efforts to facilitate support to non-Annex I Parties to meet their needs and concerns in the process of preparing national communications, to receive regular reports from the NCSP.

4. The SBI emphasized the need for the CGE to prioritize its activities and/or tasks in operationalizing its work programme to support the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties.

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