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

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Experiences of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention with the Global Environment Facility or its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of national communications

Submissions from Parties

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its eighteenth session, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2003, their views on their experience with the Global Environment Facility or its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of national communications (FCCC/SBI/2003/8, para. 19 (f)).
2. The secretariat has received five such submissions. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, these submissions are attached and reproduced* in the language in which they were received and without formal editing.

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PAPER NO. 1: ARGENTINA

Submission of the Government of the Argentine Republic

Financial matters relating to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
provision of financial and technical support

Views on experiences of non-Annex I Parties with the GEF or its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of national communications.”

August 13, 2003

In the second semester of 2003 Argentina will start a project for the elaboration of its Second National Communication. The project is funded by the GEF, has the WB as implementing agency and was formulated by Argentine experts with the aid of environment experts from the WB. Our overall assessment of the process up to this stage is positive.

PAPER NO. 2: BOLIVIA

BOLIVIA SUBMISSION ON NON-ANNEX I NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS: PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

In accordance with the conclusion of the SBI 18 in relation to the Provision of Financial and Technical Support, Bolivia is pleased to reaffirm and submit the following views on their experiences with the GEF:

Bolivia wishes to express its appreciation for the technical and financial support that was provided by the GEF, between 1998 and 2000, for the preparation of its initial national communications and the top-up activities. This support enabled Bolivia to develop some of the national capacities required for the implementation of the UNFCCC.

Unfortunately, with regard to the preparation of the second national communication, the GEF has not provided Bolivia with the required financial support as approved by COP 7 in relation to national communications.

COP decision 32/CP.7, paragraph 4, stipulates that “non-Annex I Parties wishing to start the preparation of their subsequent national communications may do so using the initial guidelines as set out in the decisions 10/CP.2 and 2/CP.4”. This decision implied that those Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention that had presented their initial national communications could, after Marrakesh, begin the preparation of their second national communication (SNC) using the existing guidelines (Annex to decision 10/CP.2). In line with this, Bolivia presented its proposal for the preparation of the second national communication to the GEF during 2002 following the existing guidelines and through the proper channels. The GEF regional office and the GEF secretariat reviewed and revised the proposal for more than six months. During this time a number of corrections required by the GEF, involving time and human and financial resources, were made to the proposal.

After spending all this time and using other resources on this project in order to complete all of the GEF requirements, Bolivia was informed that it had to wait for the improved guidelines that would be adopted at COP8. Therefore, Bolivia's request for funding was not approved.

Decision 17/CP.8 paragraph 1 (a) is flexible with non-Annex I Parties that “have initiated the process of preparing their second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedure or on an agreed full cost basis prior to the approval of the improved guideline, to use the initial guidelines”. It would appear that the GEF has continued to ignore this decision in the case of Bolivia.

Since decision 2/CP.7 on capacity-building in non-Annex I Parties stipulates that the preparation of national communications should build capacity in these Parties, it is crucial that the GEF provide immediate support for the preparation of the second national communications; especially to those Parties that have already presented their proposals. This support is necessary for the sustainability of the processes initiated by the Climate Change Offices in those countries.

Bolivia calls upon the GEF and its implementing agencies to be more vigilant in allowing developing country Parties access to the financial resources urgently needed for the preparation of the second national communications and to prioritize actions in the shortest time possible to fund those non-Annex I countries that have already submitted their proposals to the GEF.

Bolivia, September, 2003

PAPER NO. 3: MOROCCO

Soumission du Maroc relative à l'appui financier et technique fourni par le FEM, son expérience avec ce dernier et la fréquence des 2^{ème} et 3^{ème} Communications nationales des Parties Non-Annexe I

Introduction:

Le SBI 17 a pris note du rapport présenté par le Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (FEM), l'entité chargée du fonctionnement du mécanisme de financement de la Convention. Ce rapport contient des informations sur l'appui financier et technique fourni par le FEM aux Parties Non-Annexe I pour l'élaboration de leurs Communications Nationales Initiales (FCCC/SBI/2002/17 parag. 21(f)).

1-Appui financier et technique fourni par le FEM :

Conformément aux conclusions de l'Organe Subsidaire de mise en Oeuvre (SBI) 17 en relation avec l'appui financier et technique (FCCC/SBI/ 2002/ 17, parag. 21(f)), et la fréquence de soumission des 2^{ème} et 3^{ème} communications nationales, le Maroc a le plaisir de soumettre son point de vue sur ces deux questions.

Le Maroc a reçu un appui financier et technique du FEM pour deux projets :

- Le projet Régional (Algérie, Maroc, Tunisie) RAB/94/G31 sur le renforcement des capacités en matière des changements climatiques pour la période 1996-2003.
- Le projet national d'élaboration d'une stratégie et d'un plan d'action national en matière des changements climatiques MOR/99/G32 pour la période 2000-2003.

Plusieurs aspects positifs ont caractérisé l'appui du FEM au Maroc en matière des Changements Climatiques. Les activités entreprises dans le cadre des deux projets sus-mentionnés ont permis au Maroc de :

- Renforcer ses capacités en matière des Changements Climatiques ;
- Mettre en place des structures institutionnelles pour prendre en charge le dossier changements climatiques notamment : l'Unité Changements Climatiques (UCC), le Comité National Changements Climatiques (CNCC), le Comité National Scientifique et Technique Changements Climatiques (CNST-CC) et le Centre d'Information sur les Energies Durables et l'Environnement (CIEDE);
- Réaliser des études pour une première évaluation de la vulnérabilité des secteurs socio-économiques clés du pays aux impacts négatifs des changements climatiques et les options d'adaptation qui permettront à l'avenir de minimiser ces impacts négatifs;
- Réaliser son inventaire national des gaz à effet de serre;
- Identifier une panoplie d'options d'atténuation et un portefeuille de projets relatifs aux secteurs de l'énergie, l'industrie, le transport et la foresterie ;
- Impliquer le secteur privé national dans le domaine des changements climatiques notamment en matière de développement de projets Mécanisme de Développement Propre (MDP).

Malgré l'importance de l'appui du FEM au Maroc, la maîtrise des enjeux des changements climatiques est restée en dessous des attentes de ce pays, pour les raisons suivantes :

- ❑ L'appui financier reçu du FEM pour les activités habilitantes de 140 000 US\$ a été insuffisant et n'a pas permis au Maroc d'entreprendre des études de grande envergure sur l'impact négatif des changements climatiques sur les secteurs clés de son économie. Les options d'adaptation identifiées n'ont pas pu être développées faute d'insuffisance des ressources financières allouées par le FEM;

- Les options d'atténuation et le premier portefeuille de projets issu de l'étude d'atténuation sont restés au stade d'un listing d'options sans être approfondies faute d'allocation financière suffisante du FEM.

La Communication Nationale Initiale du Maroc a été le fruit de deux projets du FEM : le projet RAB/94/G31 (étude de vulnérabilité et l'inventaire national des gaz à effet de serre) et le projet MOR/99/G32 (étude de l'atténuation et stratégie nationale).

La coordination entre les calendriers et les priorités annuelles des deux projets a été une tâche difficile, étant donné le caractère régional du Projet RAB, qui a impliqué une différence notable dans le rythme d'exécution des Parties (Algérie, Maroc et Tunisie).

Il est souhaitable à l'avenir que le projet Communication Nationale soit un seul package auquel un seul financement sera affecté. Ce dernier servira à financer toutes les composantes de la Communication Nationale. Les Parties pourraient alors bénéficier des fonds supplémentaires pour approfondir un aspect spécifique de la Communication Nationale.

PAPER NO. 4: SUDAN

**Sudan's Submission on the Issues Requested by the SBSTA and SBI
(Submission of 15 August 2003)**

Views on experience of non-Annex 1 parties with the GEF or its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of national communications:

Although our experience with GEF is confined to the climate change enabling activity and the add on 100,000 US \$; we experience good relation both with GEF and its implementing agency UNDP. However, we were unfortunate not to have as many projects as many non-annex 1 countries but we hope to develop more relation & cooperation with GEF and its implementing agencies.

PAPER NO. 5: URUGUAY

Experiencia con el FMAM en relación con la elaboración de las CCNN

Uruguay ha recibido asistencia financiera para la elaboración de las CCNN Inicial presentada en Octubre de 1997 y la Segunda, a ser presentada a comienzo del próximo año. En ambos casos, la experiencia en la gestión y en la ejecución de la correspondiente asistencia resultó muy satisfactoria. A través de ésta última se han logrado importantes resultados que no se hubieran obtenido de carecerse de la asistencia del FMAM, lo que permitió el cumplimiento de compromisos nacionales en el marco de la Convención, el fortalecimiento de las instituciones involucradas y el mejoramiento del nivel de comprensión y de la motivación, relativos al cambio climático y a la necesidad de adoptar medidas de respuestas, en distintos sectores y niveles de la sociedad.
