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**National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention  
Provision of financial and technical support**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair  
on agenda item 4 (c)**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the fact that 115 Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) had already submitted their initial national communications and that three of them had also submitted their second national communications to the Conference of the Parties (COP), one of these using the guidelines contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8. The SBI urged those Parties which had not yet submitted their initial national communications to do so as soon as possible. Parties that are least developed countries may submit their initial national communications at their discretion.
2. The SBI acknowledged the funding support provided by the Governments of the Philippines, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America, and by the Asia–Pacific Network for Global Change Research, for the UNFCCC workshop on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for hosting that workshop.
3. The SBI took note of the needs and concerns of non-Annex I Parties relating to capacity-building and training on the use and application of tools, methods and models for greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessments and mitigation assessments, as identified at the workshop on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties held in Manila, Philippines (FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.6).
4. The SBI reiterated the need to strengthen national institutions, regional and subregional climate change centres and centres of excellence, especially in the least developed countries and small island developing States, particularly with regard to the provision of technical support and advice.
5. The SBI welcomed the information made available by the secretariat on the Global Environment Facility (GEF) support for the preparation of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties. It requested the secretariat to make available at each of its sessions details of the financial support provided by the GEF for the preparation of initial and subsequent national communications.

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