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National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Compilation and synthesis of initial national communications

**Views on the compilation and synthesis of
initial national communications from Parties not included in
Annex I to the Convention**

Statements by Parties on agenda item 4 (b)

1. A statement was made by the representative of Australia on behalf of the Umbrella Group, the European Community and its member States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, and Switzerland on item 4 (b) on the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its closing meeting.
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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE UMBRELLA GROUP, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, ROMANIA, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, AND SWITZERLAND

SBI Agenda Item 4 (b) Compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Australia is making the following statement on behalf of the Umbrella Group, the European community and its member states, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro and Switzerland.

We have agreed to conclude this agenda item but note that our agreement to do so reflects our strong concern that the specific title of this agenda item has prevented the SBI from properly considering the full range of important issues related to national communications from parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).

It remains our strong view that, in accordance with the requirements of Article 10 (2) of the Convention, the SBI should consider the information communicated by non-Annex I Parties in all of their national communications, including their second, and where appropriate subsequent national communications. We therefore look forward to wider discussion at the 26th session of the SBI on how to further develop the consideration process for initial, second and, where appropriate, third national communications, with a view to making better use of the valuable information that these documents contain and to assist non-Annex I Parties to further improve these documents.

We request that this statement is reflected in the report of the SBI and is also taken into account by the Chair and the secretariat in preparing the agenda for the 26th session of the SBI.

Thank you.

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