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Agenda item 4 (c)

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

Provision of financial and technical support

**Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility related to
national communications from non-Annex I Parties**

Draft decision proposed by the Group of 77 and China

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking into account Article 4.3 of the Convention,

Taking into account paragraph 1 (a) (i) of decision 6/CP. 8 (Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism) on matters related to national communications,

Taking into account paragraph 1 (a) and (c) of decision 17/CP. 8 (Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention),

Taking into account relevant provisions of decision 8/CP. 11 (Submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention),

1. The GEF is requested to:
 - (a) Together with its implementing agencies, further simplify its procedures and improve the efficiency of the process by which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations;
 - (b) Ensure that the financial resources under article 4, paragraph 3 of the Convention to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1 are not deducted from national or group allocations under its Resource Allocation Framework;
 - (c) Establish operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by those non-Annex I Parties that are in the process of preparation of their third and, where appropriate, fourth national communications, in the light of the paragraphs (a) and (b) above and in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of decision 8/CP. 11, taking fully into consideration Article 4.3 of the Convention;
 - (d) Ensure that any expedited process to be established under the operational procedures mentioned in paragraph (c) does not determine a ceiling of financial resources, given that the full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations

under Article 12, paragraph 1 shall be agreed upon in individual basis, taking into account the common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities of the country Parties;

- (e) Assist non-Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and paragraph 2 of decision 5/CP.11;
- (f) Establish a modality of funding to finance project proposals identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties (decision 5/CP. 11, para 2) in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention;
- (g) Together with its implementing agencies, ensure that the analysis of project proposals for the financing of second and subsequent national communications is limited to the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention approved by a COP decision (the current ones are contained in decision 17/CP.8), and, therefore, any criteria of analysis must not be applied beyond what has been agreed in these guidelines.

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