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Agenda Item 4 (a) 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

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report of the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) on the outcome of the group's eighth meeting held in Belize City, Belize, on 1-3 March 2007, and welcomed the progress report on the activities of the CGE (FCCC/SBI/2007/10). It expressed its appreciation to the Government of Belize for hosting the meeting and to the Government of Canada for its financial contribution.

2. The SBI commended the CGE for its work in preparing the following reports aimed at, and which may be useful in, assisting Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) to improve the process of preparation of second and subsequent national communications:

- (a) Template on cross-cutting themes in national communications from non-Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBI/2007/3);
- (b) Cost-effective and comprehensive training strategy to support the preparation of national communications (FCCC/SBI/2007/6);
- (c) Ways to improve the reporting of projects identified in national communications from non-Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBI/2007/7).

3. The SBI invited the National Communications Support Programme of the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, and international organizations to consider the reports referred to in paragraph 2 above when providing assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the process of preparation of their national communications. 4. The SBI noted that the reports referred to in paragraph 2 above may provide useful inputs for other processes under the Convention, such as capacity-building and the development and transfer of technologies.

5. The SBI invited the CGE, in cooperation with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Expert Group on Technology Transfer, to assist Parties to make best use of the information contained in the documents referred to in paragraph 2 above.

6. The SBI invited non-Annex I Parties to use, on a voluntary basis, the tables contained in document FCCC/SBI/2007/3, as a template for the provision of other information considered relevant to the achievement of the objective of the Convention, as referred to in decision 17/CP.8, annex, paragraphs 41–48.

7. The SBI requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare information materials for dissemination to relevant experts from non-Annex I Parties, drawing on the reports referred to in paragraph 2 (a) and (c) above.

8. The SBI welcomed the report of the CGE on the outcomes of its stocktaking exercise for the period 2003–2007 (FCCC/SBI/2007/10/Add.1). It acknowledged that the CGE has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of preparation of the national communications from non-Annex I Parties by providing technical advice and support under its work programme 2003–2007.

9. The SBI reiterated its invitation to Parties (FCCC/SBI/2006/11, para. 28) to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2007, their views on the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE, and its request to the secretariat to compile these views into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session (December 2007).

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