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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 information on financial support provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).¹
2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide information, ensuring that it is detailed, accurate, timely and complete, on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties,² including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to provide information on the approximate date of completion of the draft national communications and the approximate date of submission of the national communications to the secretariat for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-third session.
3. The SBI invited the GEF to provide detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on the outcomes of the most recent GEF assembly³ related to the national communications from non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, including on the implications of the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources on the funding of national communications, and on modalities and procedures established by the GEF to ensure that financial resources are provided, in an efficient and timely manner, to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
4. The SBI took note of the announcement made by the GEF representative on the completion of the fifth replenishment of the GEF.

¹ FCCC/CP/2009/9, FCCC/SBI/2009/INF.11 and FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.3.

² Decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1 (b).

³ Held in May 2010.

5. The SBI recalled the request to the GEF made by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in its decisions 7/CP.13 and 4/CP.14, to assist, as appropriate, 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 decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2. It invited the GEF to report on such submitted or approved project proposals in its report to the COP at its sixteenth session.

6. The SBI noted that some non-Annex I Parties expressed concerns about the way the GEF implementing agencies are disbursing funds for national communications and invited the GEF to include in its report to the COP, at its sixteenth session, the specific steps it has taken to respond to these concerns.

7. The SBI encouraged the GEF, in accordance with decision 4/CP.14, to continue to ensure, as a top priority, that sufficient financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and for the preparation of third and, where appropriate, subsequent national communications.

8. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at June 2010, 23 second national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted, and that, as at March 2010, 77 other non-Annex I Parties were expected to complete their draft second national communications, and one Party its third national communication, by the end of 2010.

9. The SBI stressed the importance of the timely provision of the necessary funding for the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention.

10. The SBI took note of the concerns expressed by some non-Annex I Parties that the funding provided for national communications through the expedited procedures is not adequate for some non-Annex I Parties to implement activities that they are undertaking as part of the process of preparation of national communications.

11. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to submit proposals for the funding of their subsequent national communications before completion of their current national communications in order to ensure continuity of financing. It stressed the importance of the maintenance of the national technical teams for the preparation of national communications.
