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

**Provision of financial and technical support**

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on financial support provided by the GEF for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).<sup>1</sup>
2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1(b), including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to continue to provide information on the approximate date of completion of the draft national communications and an approximate date of submission of the national communications to the secretariat for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session.
3. The SBI noted the submission made by a non-Annex I Party on the detailed costs it incurred, including in-kind contributions, for the preparation of its most recent national communication and on the financial resources received through the GEF as invited by the SBI at its thirty-fourth session.<sup>2</sup> It invited other non-Annex I Parties that have not already done so submit their views on this issue by 5 March 2012. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-sixth session.
4. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to submit project proposals for the funding of their subsequent national communications before completion of their current national communications, in order to avoid the lack of continuity in project financing.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.9 and FCCC/CP/2011/7 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 48.

5. The SBI reiterated its recommendation<sup>3</sup> to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its sixteenth session to request the GEF to continue to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications. It invited the GEF to report on this matter in its report to the COP at its eighteenth session.
6. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its seventeenth session, request the GEF to continue to work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through 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 and to avoid gaps between enabling activities of current and subsequent national communications, recognizing that the process of preparation of national communication is a continuous cycle.
7. The SBI acknowledged the usefulness of the national greenhouse gas inventory software for non-Annex I Parties, and requested the secretariat to upgrade the software and make it available to non-Annex I Parties by June 2013. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications to implement this request as provided by the secretariat and requested that the actions of the secretariat be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
8. The SBI also noted with appreciation that, as at 2 December 2011, 141 initial, 60 second, two third and one fourth national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted. It also noted that 66 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their second national communications by the end of 2012.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 49.