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Matters relating to the least developed countries

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and welcomed the report on the twenty-first meeting of the LEG, held in Thimphu, Bhutan, from 9 to 13 March 2012.¹

2. The SBI thanked the Government of Bhutan for hosting the meeting.

3. The SBI welcomed the submission of 47 national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) to the secretariat as at 25 May 2012. It noted the important role played by the LEG in assisting the least developed country (LDC) Parties with the preparation of NAPAs, and invited the LEG to continue to assist the LDCs that have not yet completed their NAPAs to complete and submit these as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its agencies.

4. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG for the progress it has made under its work programme for 2011-2012,² and welcomed the LEG work programme for 2012-2013,³ which was developed in response to decision 6/CP.16.

5. The SBI also noted the approach of the LEG for developing the technical guidelines and support for the national adaptation plan (NAP) process as mandated to the LEG under decision 5/CP.17,⁴ in addition to the technical guidance and advice on the activities under decision 6/CP.16.

6. The SBI encouraged the LEG to enhance collaboration with relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres in carrying out activities under its work programme, as appropriate.

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¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/7.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/4, annex I.

³ FCCC/SBI/2012/7, annex I.

⁴ Decision 5/CP.17, paragraphs 13–17.

7. The SBI requested the LEG to keep it informed of the efforts of the LEG in implementing the work programme over the period 2012–2013.

8. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to continue to provide resources in support of the implementation of the LEG work programme, including for the technical review of the technical guidelines for the NAP process and for the regional training workshops mentioned in the LEG work programme for 2012–2013.

9. The SBI invited the GEF, in its capacity as the entity entrusted with the operation of the LDC Fund, relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres, to support the organization, under the guidance of the LEG, of the regional training workshops mentioned in the LEG work programme for 2012–2013.