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Biennial Update Reports (BUR) - Non-Annex I

- It will be good to have clarity on the process between now and Durban or indeed between now and a session in the fall if there is one.
- It's clear we need an ambitious work programme.
- We think that submissions from parties would also be useful.
- On the basis of these submissions the Secretariat could help advance our work through either a synthesis of those submissions or begin to scope what the guidelines might look like.
- We believe that additional technical expert meetings must be organized so that the Durban meeting can agree the guidelines for the first biennial reports and the date they will be submitted.

- I make these points in here on developing country BURs but this is also necessary for developed country Biennial Reports.

- To reiterate:
 - 1) Submissions from parties
 - 2) Preparatory work by the secretariat based on Party submissions and the discussions here in Bonn
 - 3) Technical expert meetings.

Differences in the capacity of developing countries will necessitate flexibility in reporting guidelines. We need to find a way to incentivize better reporting by countries to the best of their ability, and to work toward continual improvements over time. Learning by doing is important, we're certainly not expecting perfection. We acknowledge that capacity is an issue that needs to be addressed.

On the elements of the BUR Guidelines we would suggest the following 4 elements : National GHG Inventory, Mitigation actions, domestic MRV and Support received.

1. **National GHG Inventory**

- For the year [2010]
- National inventory report to include information on the compilation of the inventory, including, inter alia, a summary of institutions, data sources and methods.

2. **Mitigation actions** - for each listed action or suite of actions (both supported and unsupported):

- Description:, including information on the nature of the action, base year, coverage (sectors, sinks, gases, etc...), quantitative goals and progress indicators;
- Information on the progress of implementation, and the results so far:
 - Estimated outcomes;
 - Estimated emission reductions; and
 - Information on methodologies and assumptions.

- Information on the use of international or domestic emission reduction credits is also useful.
3. **For Domestic MRV** – a description of the system of domestic MRV, with any updates from previous reports.
 4. **Support received:** For mitigation actions funded by international finance.