

Submission by Egypt
1bii, Biennial Reports from non-Annex I Parties

1-The outcome of the work of the Conference of the Parties to define the modalities for biennial update reports for non-Annex I Parties should be consistent with the provisions of the UNFCCC and the mandate defined in paragraphs 60 (c) and 66 of decision 1/CP.16, addressing biennial reports of developing countries and the mitigation work program respectively.

2-a-The mandate does not include the revision of existing guidelines for the preparation of non-Annex I national communications.

b-Paragraph 60 (c) defines the 4 elements of the biennial reports as follows:

- (1) Updates of national greenhouse gas inventories.
- (2) Information on mitigation actions.
- (3) Needs.
- (4) Support received.

c-In paragraph 66 the Parties have unequivocally agreed to consider "biennial reports as part of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention".

3-Paragraph 60 (c) provides flexibility regarding the frequency and the content of biennial reports based on 2 criteria:

a- Capabilities of developing countries.

To ensure a smooth and effective implementation the capability should be determined by the developing country in question.

b- The level of support provided for reporting.

4-The next steps before Durban should include the following:

a- An additional official session of the LCA to consider and finalize agreed text on the issue.

b- An assessment of the following elements that would help the Parties reach an informed and implementable decision on biennial reporting for non Annex I Parties:

- (1) The financial implications/requirements of a sustainable process for biennial reporting.
- (2) The funding that is already available to provide support for biennial reporting from developing countries.
- (3) An evaluation of the possibility of launching a sustainable process for biennial reporting based on the financial requirements and the funding available.

The required assessment could be done through a workshop to be organized before or during the next session of the LCA to analyze technical papers to be prepared by the Secretariat.