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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for the opportunity to provide a statement on the provision of financial and technical support by the Global Environment Facility.

The document FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.10 provides information on the status of national communications and biennial update reports in Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. Countries continue to make good progress on these activities. We are pleased that since the report was submitted, projects to prepare the seventh national communication and third biennial update report in Belarus, fourth national communication and third biennial update report in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Chile, third national communication and first biennial update report in Guatemala, and second biennial update report in Colombia have been approved.

Regarding financial support, the GEF continues to set aside resources for the preparation of national communications and biennial update reports on the basis of agreed full-cost funding.

Non-Annex I parties receive up to US\$352,000 for the biennial update report and \$500,000 for the national communications.

Parties do not need to use their country STAR allocation from the GEF. Resources above the agreed full-cost funding, if needed, would be allocated from a country's STAR allocation.

National communications and biennial update reports play a significant role for Parties to fulfill their convention obligations and assisting countries with capacity building activities. These reports are linked to the preparations and tracking of action and needs included in the Nationally Determined Contributions. They are also foundations for countries to enhance their transparency, which the GEF is also supporting through the Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT).

We encourage Parties to contact the GEF Secretariat or GEF agency staff present at COP 23 for any clarifications and technical

assistance, so that access to resources for Convention obligations can continue to be facilitated.

Finally, we would like to reassure Parties that the GEF will continue to provide resources as a priority for the preparation of biennial update reports and national communications.

Thank you.