

Draft decision -/CP.17

Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7,

Also recalling decisions 8/CP.5, 3/CP.8, 17/CP.8, 8/CP.11 and 5/CP.15,

Acknowledging that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has made a substantial contribution to improving the process of, and preparation of, national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by providing technical advice and support and therefore enhancing the capacity of such Parties to prepare their national communications,

Emphasizing the importance of providing relevant technical advice and support for the process of the preparation of national communications, as well as the importance of providing a forum for non-Annex I Parties to share experiences of this process,

Recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process,

Noting that the review of the term and mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for the continuation of the group, as requested in decision 5/CP.15, paragraph 6, was initiated at this session but not concluded;

1. *Decides* to continue the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention under its current mandate as contained in the annex to decision 5/CP.15, and the work programme,¹ until the end of 2012;

2. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 5 March 2012, their views on the term and mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts and the need for continuation of the group;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-sixth session, with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter referred to in paragraph 2 above for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.2.