

Provision of Financial and Technical Support

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to make this intervention on agenda item 4c – Provision of Financial and Technical Support.

Mr. Chairman, the document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.18 provides information on the status of national communications and biennial update reports in non-annex 1 parties. Mr. Chairman, we are pleased to note that since the publication of this report, Malaysia (BUR 2), Vanuatu (BUR2) have had projects approved to prepare biennial update reports, while Uruguay has had a proposal to prepare their 5th National communications approved. Furthermore, a project to prepare fourth national communication and second BUR for Georgia has been approved.

Mr. Chairman, countries continue to make good progress on these activities. We would like to thank the countries and the GEF Agencies for their continued assistance in compiling the information to be presented to Parties.

The GEF has put measures in place to ensure that parties do not have to use their GEF country allocations to prepare national communications and biennial update reports. Resources have been set aside for the countries for this purpose.

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 included in the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs). They are also foundations for countries to enhance their transparency. This year, GEF established the Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT), as a priority reporting-related need, as requested by parties in Paris last year.

We encourage parties to contact the GEF secretariat or GEF agency staff here in Morocco for any clarifications and technical

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

Mr. Chairman, 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, Mr. Chairman.