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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN
ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) expressed its gratitude to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for information provided on its funding activities and projects in support of initial national communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) (FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.15).
2. The SBI welcomed the progress made by non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their national communications as reflected in the document on the “Status of the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention”.¹ The SBI noted with satisfaction that 110 non-Annex I Parties had so far submitted their initial national communication and encouraged those Parties that have yet to submit their initial national communications to do so as soon as possible.
3. The SBI invited Parties to continue to submit views to the secretariat on their experiences with the GEF and its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of their national communications, and requested the secretariat to compile this information and make it available to the SBI.

¹ FCCC/WEB/2003/4