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**National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

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**Submissions from Parties**

1. A submission has been received from the United States of America in relation to item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
2. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is reproduced in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

SUBMISSION FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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*The paragraphs below are to replace paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of document FCCC/SBI/2004/L.10*

1. Acknowledges that while over 118 non-Annex I Parties have submitted their initial national communications and 3 have submitted their second national communications, a number of non-Annex I Parties are still having difficulty with the preparation and submission of their national communications due to both technical and resource constraints. Many of these financial and technical issues were identified at the workshop on preparation of non-Annex I Parties national communication in Manila, May 2004, and are being addressed through the work programme of the CGE.
2. Invites Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention to submit biennial updates of their national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, to the extent their capacities permit, as information is developed during the course of preparing their national communications.
3. Decides that Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention shall apply for financing of their second and subsequent national communications within one year of the completion of their most recent national communication, in order to avoid a lack of continuity in project financing.
4. Decides that Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention shall submit their second, and where appropriate, third national communications within three years of the initial disbursement of financial resources for the actual preparation of the national communication, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, under the expedited procedures or standard approved procedures, on an agreed full cost basis. Parties that are least developed may submit their second national communications at their discretion.
5. Decides to undertake a review by 2008 of the submission of subsequent national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention with a view to making any adjustments in the process considered necessary in light of intervening experience.

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