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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twenty-second session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session.

Draft decision -/CP.11

**Submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications
from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling, in particular, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a), and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 5 and 7, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular its decisions 10/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 31/CP.7, 32/CP.7 and 17/CP.8,

Reaffirming that, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II to the Convention shall provide new and additional financial resources to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention,

Noting that guidelines for the preparation of national communications were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session,

Noting also that in accordance with decision 17/CP.8, non-Annex I Parties should use the guidelines contained in the annex to that decision, together with the guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism provided in decision 6/CP.8, for the preparation of second and, where appropriate, third national communications and, where appropriate, initial national communications, except where Parties had initiated the process of preparing second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedures or on an agreed full-cost basis prior to the approval of the guidelines,

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

Recognizing also that the submission of national communications is very important for Parties to better understand climate change issues,

Recognizing further the difficulties that non-Annex I Parties have had in preparing their initial national communications and the need to build capacity for using the new guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, and the need to allocate adequate time to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their national communications,

Acknowledging the importance of updating national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol and the importance of measures to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change,

Acknowledging that although the majority of non-Annex I Parties have submitted their initial national communications and some have also submitted their second national communications, a number of non-Annex I Parties are still having difficulties with the preparation and submission of their initial national communications due to both technical and resource constraints,

Acknowledging that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, has agreed to fund, and has approved the funds for, the preparation of national communications, and has agreed on the Operational Procedures for Expedited Financing of National Communications from non-Annex I Parties,

1. *Invites* Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) that have not prepared project proposals for the financing of second and, where appropriate, third national communications to do so, even in advance of substantially completing their previous national communications, in order to avoid a lack of continuity in project financing;

2. *Decides* that non-Annex I Parties that have submitted their national communications should apply for the financing of their subsequent national communications at any time between three to five years of the initial disbursement of financial resources for the actual preparation of their previous national communications, except for those Parties that had this initial disbursement for the previous national communication more than five years ago, which should apply before 2006; this applies to the financing of second, and where appropriate third, national communications;

3. *Decides* that non-Annex I Parties shall make all efforts to submit their second and, where appropriate, third national communication, within four 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;

4. *Decides also* that Parties, if necessary and based on their national circumstances, may use an extension of up to one year for submission, after having informed the secretariat;

5. *Decides* that any extensions shall not imply additional financial resources from the Global Environment Facility;

6. *Decides* that Parties that are least developed countries may submit their second national communication at their discretion;

7. *Decides* to discuss the further implementation of Article 12, paragraph 5, of the Convention at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2009).
