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Agenda item 10 (b)

Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention

Matters relating to the least developed countries

**Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

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

**Draft decision -/CP.11**

**Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9 and 4/CP.10,

*Recognizing* the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries under Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

*Welcoming* the technical papers of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,

*Having considered* the progress report of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group contained in document FCCC/SBI/2005/20,

*Expressing* its appreciation to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for its good work in supporting the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action,

*Noting* with appreciation the support that the secretariat has provided to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group under the terms of reference adopted by decision 29/CP.7;

2. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, serving in an advisory capacity to the least developed countries, to develop a work programme that includes implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twenty-fourth session (May 2006);

3. *Decides* that, consistent with decision 7/CP.9, paragraph 2, new experts may be nominated to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, or existing members of the group may continue in office, as determined by the respective regions or groups;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to facilitate the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;

5. *Decides* to review, at its thirteenth session (December 2007), the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the group, and to adopt a decision thereon.

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