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

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report presented by the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) on the outcomes of its fifth meeting, held in Montreal, Canada, on 24 and 25 November 2005, and welcomed the progress report on the activities of the CGE prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/2005/22).
2. The SBI noted the outcomes of the global hands-on training workshop on mitigation assessments held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 26 to 30 September 2005 and expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for the financial and logistical support that it provided to the workshop through the Korea Energy Economics Institute.
3. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Australia, Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America for their financial contributions to the development of training materials and for supporting the participation of developing country experts at the global hands-on training workshop on mitigation assessments.
4. The SBI noted the recommendation of the participants to the workshop for further technical support in the use of various tools and methodologies in the conduct of mitigation assessments, and requested the CGE to provide advice so that related follow-up actions on training be country-driven.
5. The SBI endorsed the planned activities of the CGE for 2006 relating to the hands-on training workshops and further technical assistance to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) to continue improving the process of preparation of their national communications. It requested the CGE, in collaboration with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), to advise Parties on how to integrate information contained in national adaptation programmes of action into second and subsequent national communications.

6. Based on the lessons learned in conducting the hands-on training workshops to date, the SBI encouraged the CGE to develop a cost-effective and comprehensive training strategy and other technical support, such as local training and networking of experts, to assist non-Annex I Parties in preparing their national communications in cooperation with the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded National Communications Support Programme (NCSP) of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme, and with other relevant organizations.

7. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue its collaboration with the Expert Group on Technology Transfer and the LEG in the implementation of its work programme. It requested the secretariat to continue to facilitate the collaboration between the CGE and the NCSP, and other multilateral and bilateral organizations, in the provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their national communications.

8. The SBI requested the CGE to make recommendations on ways to improve the reporting of projects identified in national communications from non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention, and to report to, and advise, the SBI, at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007), on ways to improve access to financial and technical support for such projects.

9. The SBI invited Parties to provide information to the secretariat on existing activities and programmes, including those of bilateral and multilateral funding sources, to enable the CGE to report to the SBI at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006) on ways to improve access to financial and technical support provided for the preparation of national communications. The SBI concluded that it will consider this report under the agenda item on provision of financial and technical support at the same session.

10. The SBI looked forward to receiving the report on the examination of 41 initial national communications of non-Annex I Parties, including recommendations on how to improve the preparation of second and, where appropriate, subsequent national communications, that the CGE will present at SBI 24 (May 2006). It requested the CGE, in preparing this report, to consider the sixth compilation and synthesis of initial national communications of non-Annex I Parties contained in document FCCC/SBI/2005/18 and Add.1-6.

11. The SBI took note of the plans by the CGE to organize hands-on training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Asia and the Pacific and the Latin America and the Caribbean regions, and a hands-on training workshop on national greenhouse gas inventories for the Africa region, in 2006. It thanked the Governments of Indonesia and Paraguay for their offers to host the regional workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessments.

12. The SBI noted that only part of the resources required for the above-mentioned workshops has been raised so far and urged Parties to provide additional resources in order to organize these events. The SBI invited Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in a position to do so, to provide financial resources for these workshops and for the implementation of the work programme of the CGE.
