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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report of the chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) on the outcome of the group's seventh meeting, held in Pretoria, South Africa, on 25–26 September 2006, and welcomed the progress report on the activities of the CGE prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/2006/25).
2. The SBI noted the outcomes of the hands-on training workshop on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Latin America and the Caribbean region held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 14 to 18 August 2006, and expressed its appreciation to the Government of Paraguay for the technical, financial and logistical support that it provided for the workshop. It also thanked the Government of Cuba, the Hadley Centre for Climate Change of the United Kingdom Meteorology Office, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for providing trainers who elaborated on the use of the methodologies on vulnerability and adaptation assessments.
3. The SBI requested the CGE through the secretariat, within its existing work programme, in cooperation with the ISDR, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the National Communications Support Programme (NCSP) of the Global Environment Facility, UNDP and the United Nations Environment Programme and other international organizations, to continue to provide technical advice to Parties on the availability and use of tools and methodologies for bottom-up approaches to vulnerability and adaptation assessments.
4. The SBI also noted the outcomes of the hands-on training workshop on national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for the Africa region held in Pretoria, South Africa, from 18 to 22 September 2006, and expressed its appreciation to the Government of South Africa for the financial and logistical support

that it provided for the workshop and the seventh meeting of the CGE. It recognized the importance of the workshop in building the capacity of experts from the region to identify and use various tools in national GHG inventories.

5. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Australia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America for their financial contributions to the development of training materials and the participation of developing country experts at the above-mentioned workshops. It also expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Canada and Paraguay for translating the training materials into French and Spanish.

6. The SBI commended the CGE and the secretariat for successfully completing the series of regional hands-on training workshops on national GHG inventories and vulnerability and adaptation assessments and the global workshop on mitigation assessments. It also commended the CGE, the secretariat and the NCSP for their efforts in providing technical support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

7. The SBI endorsed the efforts of the CGE to implement its work programme for 2007, in cooperation with the NCSP. It expressed its gratitude to the Government of Canada for pledging financial resources to support the workshop on exchange of experiences and good practices among non-Annex I Parties in preparing national communications and on cross-cutting issues, but noted that further resources are required. It 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 the workshop as soon as possible.
