Provision of financial and technical support

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on its operational procedures for the expedited financing of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) (FCCC/SBI/2007/INF.2). The SBI expressed concern that this information was not updated and is incomplete.

2. The SBI invited the GEF to provide, in its report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its thirteenth session, detailed and current information on the modalities and source of funding for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications, and information on, and an explanation of, any changes to GEF procedures relating to the financing of national communications, for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session (December 2007).

3. The SBI reiterated that non-Annex I Parties may request assistance from the GEF in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications (decision 5/CP.11, para. 2), in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention.

4. The SBI invited the GEF to include in its report to the COP at its thirteenth session detailed information on the specific steps it has taken to respond to the request mentioned in paragraph 3 above, for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session.

5. The SBI also invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 21 September 2007, their views on their current experiences with the GEF and its implementing agencies in relation to the provision of financial support for the preparation of national communications. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session.