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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 information provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the financial support provided for the preparation of initial and subsequent national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).¹

2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide information on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds, for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-eighth session (June 2008).

3. The SBI urged those non-Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted their initial national communications to do so as soon as possible. Parties that are least developed countries may submit their initial national communications at their discretion.

4. The SBI took note of the information provided by the GEF, as contained in its report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its thirteenth session,² in particular the information contained in annex 6 of the report.

5. 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,³ in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2007/INF.9.

² FCCC/CP/2007/3.

³ Decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2.

6. The SBI further recommended that the COP, at its thirteenth session, request the GEF to:
 - (a) Continue to ensure that financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;
 - (b) Take into consideration the request contained in paragraph 6 (a) above in its planned mid-term review in 2008;
 - (c) Work with its implementing agencies to continue to simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations;
 - (d) Refine, as appropriate, operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by those non-Annex I Parties that are in the process of preparing their third and, where appropriate, fourth national communications, in the light of paragraphs 6 (a) to (c) above;
 - (e) Assist, as appropriate, non-Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2;
 - (f) Ensure, together with its implementing agencies, that the analysis of project proposals for the financing of second and subsequent national communications is consistent with the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.⁴
7. The SBI further recommended that the COP, at its thirteenth session, invite the GEF to:
 - (a) Continue to provide information on funding for projects identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties⁵ in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved;
 - (b) Consider the views of, and any concerns expressed by, Parties regarding their current experiences with the GEF and its implementing agencies in relation to the provision of financial support for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, as contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2007/MISC.13 and Add.1.

⁴ The current guidelines are contained in decision 17/CP.8.

⁵ Decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2.