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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 financial support provided by the GEF for the preparation of 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 detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1(b), including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to continue to provide information on the approximate date of completion of the draft national communications and an approximate date of submission of the national communications to the secretariat, for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-fifth session.
3. The SBI took note, with appreciation, of the information provided by the GEF in its oral report² to the SBI on the expanded possibilities and options available to non-Annex I Parties to access resources for their national communications and looked forward to being

¹ FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.4.

² The GEF representative, in his oral report, presented the following options:

Option 1: Countries can work with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) agency of their choice, as was the case in previous national communications;

Option 2: Countries can be part of the United Nations Environment Programme umbrella project for national communications;

Option 3: Countries can access resources of up to USD 500,000 via direct access with the GEF secretariat for their national communications;

Options 4: If countries need additional resources above the USD 500,000 provided for the preparation of national communications, countries can utilize their System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) allocation.

provided with information in the report of the GEF to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its seventeenth session on this issue.

4. The SBI noted the concern expressed by some Parties that the funding provided for national communications through expedited procedures may not be adequate for some non-Annex I Parties to implement activities that they are to undertake as part of the process of preparation of their national communications.

5. The SBI invited non-Annex I Parties to make submissions, by 19 September 2011, on the detailed costs incurred by non-Annex I Parties, including in-kind contributions, for the preparation of their most recent national communications and on the financial resources received through the GEF. The SBI requested the Secretariat to compile these submissions in a document to be considered by the SBI at its thirty-fifth session.

6. The SBI reiterated its recommendation to the COP, at its sixteenth session, to request the GEF to continue to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications.

7. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at 15 May 2011, 140 initial, 44 second, two third and one fourth national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted. It also noted that 59 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their second national communications by the end of 2011.
