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Reporting 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 by the GEF for the preparation of national communications and biennial update reports (BURs) by 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, including the dates of approvals of funding and disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to continue to provide an approximate date for completion of draft national communications and an approximate date for submission of final national communications to the secretariat, for consideration at SBI 45 (November 2016).
3. The SBI further invited the GEF to continue to provide detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of BURs, including the dates of requests for funding, approvals of funding and disbursement of funds, and an approximate date for submission of BURs to the secretariat, for consideration at SBI 44 (May 2016).
4. The SBI noted that, as at 1 December 2015, 16 non-Annex I Parties had submitted their first BUR in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a), and that a further 16 non-Annex I Parties were expected to submit their first BUR by 31 December 2015. It further noted that, as at 1 December 2015, the GEF secretariat had received and processed a total of 86 requests from non-Annex I Parties for funds for the preparation of their first BUR, 38 of them being requests made after the GEF report was submitted to the

¹ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.15 and FCCC/CP/2015/4.



Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twentieth session,² and three requests from non-Annex I Parties for funds for the preparation of their second BUR.

5. The SBI noted that, as at 1 December 2015, there were many outstanding BURs, while recognizing the challenges that non-Annex I Parties face in submitting their BURs in a timely manner. It recalled decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a), which states that non-Annex I Parties, consistent with their capabilities and the level of support provided for reporting, should submit their first BURs by December 2014. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties that have not submitted their first BURs to complete and submit them in a timely manner.

6. Recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(d), the SBI reiterated its urging³ of the non-Annex I Parties that have yet to submit, as applicable, their request to the GEF for support for the preparation of their first BUR to do so in a timely manner. In addition, the SBI encouraged the GEF agencies to continue to facilitate the preparation and submission of project proposals by non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs.

7. The SBI noted the information provided by the GEF in its report to COP 21,⁴ on the procedures available to facilitate access by non-Annex I Parties to funding for the preparation of their national communications and multiple BURs with one application.

8. The SBI also noted information provided by the GEF on its Global Support Programme for national communications and biennial update reports (GSP), and welcomed the activities carried out in 2015 through which technical assistance was provided to non-Annex I Parties.⁵ The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to take advantage of the opportunities for technical assistance and support available under the GSP.

9. The SBI, recalling the request⁶ from non-Annex I Parties for further technical support aimed at improving their domestic capacity to facilitate continuity in meeting reporting requirements, urged developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources to enable the secretariat to implement the relevant activities, planned from March 2016.

10. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at 1 December 2015, 147 initial, 110 second, 13 third, 1 fourth and 1 fifth national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted. It also noted that, by the end of 2015, 20 second and 11 third national communications from non-Annex I Parties are expected to be submitted.

² FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.22.

³ FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 53.

⁴ FCCC/CP/2015/4, page 12.

⁵ The Global Support Programme is a project administered jointly by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme with the objective of enhancing the support provided to non-Annex I Parties for the timely preparation of their national communications and BURs.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2015/10, paragraph 29.