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**Review of implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention
Matters relating to the least developed countries**

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Proposal by the President

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twenty-first session, was unable to reach agreement on a text for a draft decision, and forwarded the draft text* to the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) for appropriate action. After holding consultations on the draft text, the President of the COP proposed the following draft decision for adoption by the COP at its tenth session.

Draft decision -/CP.10

Further guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4.9 of the Convention,

Reaffirming decision 27/CP.7, paragraph 1 (b) and (c),

Recalling its decisions 5/CP.7, 27/CP.7, 28/CP.7, 8/CP.8 and 6/CP.9,

Recognizing the urgent and immediate needs of the least developed countries with respect to their vulnerability and adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change, and the importance of implementing the national adaptation programmes of action immediately upon the completion of their preparation,

* FCCC/SBI/2004/L.28/Add.2.

Having taken note of the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to operationalize the implementation phase of national adaptation programmes of action,

Noting with appreciation the progress made so far in the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action,

Welcoming financial and technical assistance to support least developed country Parties to integrate climate change issues into their development processes under Article 4, paragraph 1 (f) of the Convention,

Noting the distinction between the administration and activities of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility and of the Least Developed Countries Fund,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to undertake consultations with representatives from least developed country Parties and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in a cost-effective manner, before the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (May 2005), including representatives from the implementing and executing agencies of the Global Environment Facility, and to take into account their views and concerns on the formulation of modalities for implementing decision 6/CP.9 and this decision;

2. *Decides* that further discussions, on the response of the Global Environment Facility to decision 6/CP.9, paragraph 3, and this decision will take place at the twenty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, with a view to making recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2005);

3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, including its implementing and executing agencies, to ensure, to the extent possible, that all capacity-building activities funded by the Least Developed Countries Fund for least developed countries are developed in close collaboration with the least developed country Parties;

4. *Decides* that, taking into consideration the unique circumstances of the least developed countries, the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund shall not set a precedent for other funding arrangements under the Convention;

5. *Invites* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to continue to contribute to the Least Developed Countries Fund for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action;

6. [*Decides* that the Least Developed Countries Fund shall start funding the other elements of the least developed countries work programme, keeping in mind that the implementation of the priority areas identified in national adaptation programmes of action shall be the top priority;]

7. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session the steps it has taken to implement this decision;

8. *Decides* to assess progress in the implementation of this decision and to consider the adoption of further guidance at its eleventh session.
