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ÓRGANO SUBSIDIARIO DE EJECUCIÓN Séptimo período de sesiones Bonn, 20 a 29 de octubre de 1997 Tema 3 <u>b</u>) del programa

COMUNICACIONES DE LAS PARTES NO INCLUIDAS EN EL ANEXO I DE LA CONVENCIÓN

Examen de las comunicaciones nacionales iniciales de las Partes no incluidas en el anexo I de la Convención

Propuesta presentada por el Vicepresidente

El Órgano Subsidiario de Ejecución,

- 1. <u>Decide</u> proseguir sus deliberaciones sobre el procedimiento para el examen de las comunicaciones nacionales iniciales de las Partes no incluidas en el anexo I con miras a recomendar una decisión a la Conferencia de las Partes, en su cuarto período de sesiones;
 - 2. <u>Pide</u> a la secretaría:
- <u>a</u>) Que organice una reunión técnica sobre el procedimiento para el examen de las comunicaciones nacionales iniciales de las Partes no incluidas en el anexo I de la Convención, que ha de celebrarse con anterioridad al octavo período de sesiones del Órgano Subsidiario de Ejecución, con el fin de contribuir a las deliberaciones sobre esta cuestión a la luz de las comunicaciones nacionales que la secretaría haya recibido a esa época;
- <u>b</u>) Que en su informe ordinario al Órgano Subsidiario de Ejecución sobre las actividades de la secretaría encaminadas a facilitar asistencia financiera y técnica a las Partes no incluidas en el anexo I para la preparación de sus comunicaciones nacionales, incluya sus observaciones sobre las comunicaciones nacionales presentadas por las Partes no incluidas en el anexo I al 30 de marzo de 1998;

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<u>c</u>) Que prepare una recopilación de las observaciones hechas por las Partes sobre el proyecto presentado por los Copresidentes (que figura en el apéndice a la presente decisión) para su examen en la reunión técnica y en el octavo período de sesiones del Órgano Subsidiario de Ejecución. Se invita a las Partes a que presenten esas observaciones a la secretaría a más tardar el 21 de marzo de 1998.

APPENDIX 1

Agenda Item 3(b) of the SBI at its seventh session

Co-chairs draft compilation on the process for consideration of communications from
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles [4.1, 7.2, 9.2, 10.2,] 12.1, 12.5, 12.7 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling also its decisions 4/CP.1, 7/CP.1, 3/CP.2, 8/CP.1 and 10/CP.2,

Noting that each developing country Party shall make its initial communication within three years of entry into force of the Convention for that Party, or of the availability of financial resources in accordance with Article 4.3 and that Parties that are least developed may make their submission at their discretion,

Noting the differentiated timetable for the submission of the initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I [because of the different timing of the provision of funding from the interim financial mechanism;] [and, consequently, the need for flexibility in its consideration of these communications,]

- 1. Decides that the information contained in the initial communications of Parties not included in Annex I will be considered in a facilitative, non-confrontational, open and transparent manner to ensure that the COP has accurate, consistent and relevant information at its disposal to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities;
 - [2. Decides that the process of consideration shall:

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- (a) Assist the secretariat's determination of the [informational, technical and financial] needs of non-Annex I Parties [for the preparation of their national communications in accordance with Article 8.2(c).] [related to implementation of commitments; and in particular those associated with proposed projects and response measures under Article 4.];
- (b) Seek to enhance the comparability of and focus on non-Annex I Party national communications;
 - (c) Provide a technical assessment of progress in implementation of the Convention; and
- (d) Assess quantitative and qualitative information for consistency with applicable guidelines adopted by Parties;]
- [3. [Decides that each national communication submitted by a non-Annex I Party should be subject to an [in-depth] [technical] [assessment] [review] within one year of receipt by the secretariat; such assessment should be carried out by expert teams, under the authority of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
- (a) That the expert teams should conduct their work through regional workshops to provide for expert discussion of information contained in national communications, and through voluntary, in-country visits where helpful;
- (b) That each expert team should produce a report on each [assessment] [review], written in [an objective] [non-confrontational] manner, and submitted to the SBI;]

[Decides that the initial communications from non-Annex I Parties shall be considered on an annual or biennial basis;]

- 4. Requests the secretariat:
- (a) To facilitate the provision of assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of national communications, in accordance with Article 8.2(c);

- (b) To compile and synthesize the information contained in national communications from non-Annex I Parties [annually] for consideration by the SBI; [in accordance with Article 10.2(a)];
- (c) To co-ordinate and facilitate the review/consideration of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I, [including the organization of in-depth reviews] [and regional workshops];
- (d) To select, under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, members of the expert teams from names nominated by Parties and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the review/consideration;]
- (e) To arrange and host regional workshops to provide for expert [discussion] [review] of information contained in national communications;]
- (f) To note instances where in-country expert visits would be beneficial to promote greater understanding of a Party's specific national circumstances, inventory data or efforts to respond to climate change;]
- (g) To arrange, upon request by a Party, for voluntary, in-country expert visits for individual consideration of national communications;]
- (h) To make available, with the permission of the relevant Party, the national communication and the report of the expert's review to the Council of the Global Environmental Facility, with the request that they take particular note of this information in their consideration of project proposals from the relevant Party;]
- (i) To compile and make available to Parties, a compendium of projects and related information submitted by Parties not included in Annex I in accordance with Article 12.4;]
- (j) To prepare a report on the application of guidelines for the preparation of initial communications from Parties not included in Annex I with a view to further enhancing the accuracy, completeness, comparability and focus on national communications;]

- 5. Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the information contained in national communications:
- [(a) To assist the COP in assessing the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by the Parties, in accordance with Article 10.2; and]
 - [(b) To provide appropriate guidance to the Global Environment Facility;]]
 - [6. Requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice:
- [(a) To further refine the guidelines for the preparation of the national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention; and]
- [(b) To prepare scientific assessments on the effects of measures taken in the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with Article 9.2(b);]
- [7. Invites Parties and intergovernmental organizations to nominate experts to assist in the consideration of national communications;]
- [8. Urges Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention to submit their national communications at their earliest convenience;]
- [9. Requests non-Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat national inventory data on a [regular] basis.]]
