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on

SBI 62 agenda sub-item 4(b): Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention: Provision of financial and support

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1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its report to the SBI at this session¹ on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), including support provided through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) for the preparation of NCs and BURs by non-Annex I Parties, and appreciated the progress in the submissions of NCs and BURs.

2. The SBI acknowledged the importance of the financial and technical support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels, in particular that provided by the GEF, including through the CBIT-GSP, to support the efforts of non-Annex I Parties in fulfilling reporting obligations under the existing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention, including for NCs.

3. The SBI, noting that, in accordance with decision 1/CP.24, the submission of BURs under the Convention has been superseded by biennial transparency reports under the Paris Agreement and that Parties may submit their NC and biennial transparency report as a single report,² provided that the relevant guidance for both reports is followed, acknowledged that submitting NCs and BTRs jointly would increase efficiency, lower costs and reduce the burden on Parties while ensuring that the provision of support for reporting is aligned with the agreed timelines.

4. The SBI encouraged developing country Parties that have received funding and have not yet submitted their BURs to do so as soon as possible.

5. The SBI underscored the importance of providing adequate and timely financial and technical support to developing country Parties for streamlining and simplifying existing processes under the GEF and its implementing agencies, as well as exploring alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes for facilitating and expediting access of developing country Parties to financial resources for enabling activities, so that these Parties can meet their measurement, reporting and verification requirements under the Convention, and building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity on a continuous basis.

6. The SBI also underscored the importance of the GEF continuing to periodically review and report on the support provided for the preparation of NCs by non-Annex I Parties, including by assessing the adequacy and sustainability of such support, particularly for national technical teams, tools, data systems and workflows, through a cost evaluation process conducted in the context of GEF replenishment periods.

7. The SBI recommended that the Conference of the Parties encourage the GEF to consider the lessons learned from providing support to non-Annex I Parties for implementing measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention, when providing support for Parties under the enhanced transparency framework.

8. The SBI, noting that the obligation to prepare and submit NCs will continue and in the light of continued challenges in reporting faced by non-Annex I Parties, highlighted the importance of sustained financial support, and technical assistance and capacity-building support to facilitate continuity in meeting their reporting requirements as well as building and enhancing their domestic institutional and technical capacity for implementing the enhanced transparency framework in a sustainable and continuous manner, including for establishing and enhancing national reporting systems.

9. Recalling paragraphs 38–46 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI underscored the importance of providing support to non-Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement in an integrated manner to enable them to fulfil their reporting obligations under both the Convention and the Paris Agreement.³

¹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/647667>.

² As per decision 1/CP.24, para. 43.

³ See decision 1/CP.24, paras. 38–46.

10. The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and international organizations, further technical support to non-Annex I Parties for their reporting under the Convention.

11. The SBI noted that, as at X June 2025, X NCs (i.e. X NC1s, X NC2s, X NC3s, X NC4s, X NC5s and X NC6s) and X BURs (i.e. X first BURs, X second BURs, X third BURs, X fourth BURs and X fifth BURs) had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties.⁴

12. [The SBI agreed to continue the consideration of this agenda item at its XX session] [The SBI agreed to conclude the consideration of this agenda item.]

13. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activity to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 10 above.

14. The SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs>.