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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for the opportunity to provide an update on the provision of financial and technical support by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The GEF continues to set aside financial resources for the preparation of national communications and biennial update reports on the basis of agreed full-cost funding. Non-Annex I Parties receive up to \$352,000 for the biennial update report and \$500,000 for the national communication. Parties do not need to use their GEF country STAR allocation. Resources above the agreed full-cost funding, if needed, may be provided from a country's STAR allocation.

Document FCCC/SBI/2018/INF.9, prepared and submitted for COP 24, provides information on the status of national communications and biennial update reports in Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. This information will be updated for COP 25 as part of GEF's submission to the UNFCCC.

To date, the GEF has supported a total of 184 biennial update reports in 129 countries and 484 national communications in 150 countries. Since the start of GEF-7 on July 1, 2018, the GEF has approved support for 22 additional national communications and 19 biennial update reports, for a total of \$19.3 million.

In addition, the GEF has supported the Global Support Program, jointly implemented by UNDP and UNEP to provide additional technical guidance and backstopping for the development of these reports, including through training and sharing of best practices on greenhouse gas inventories and IPCC guidelines, vulnerability and adaptation, as well as mitigation assessments, and incorporating gender responsiveness. The five-year program started in late 2015 and has so far provided support to more than 120 countries. The Global Support Program has also supported the establishment of new south-south communities of practice in Latin America, the Caribbean, West Africa and a Portuguese-speaking cluster on MRV and inventories.

These national reports play a significant role for Parties to fulfill their convention obligations and assist countries with capacity building activities. They are linked to the preparations and tracking of action and needs included in the Nationally Determined Contributions. They are also foundations for countries to enhance their transparency, which the GEF is supporting through the Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT).

The GEF has acted swiftly to establish and operationalize the CBIT per the Paris Agreement decision. From late 2016 to October 2018, the CBIT Trust Fund successfully programmed all available resources—amounting to \$58.3 million. For the GEF-7 period starting in July 2018, \$55 million have been notionally allocated to the CBIT from the GEF Trust Fund.

Under the CBIT, the GEF has supported 48 projects totaling \$73.8 million. There are 43 national projects and one regional project, including fourteen LDCs and seven SIDS. The support is

provided in a geographically balanced manner. Already, 15 of these CBIT projects are under implementation. These projects respond to nationally identified priorities and are thus specific to each country's transparency-related capacity-building needs.

The CBIT is also supporting four global projects for knowledge sharing, coordination, and capacity-building. The GEF Secretariat will continue to review and approve new CBIT project proposals in alignment with the programming directions and COP guidance, utilizing available set-aside resources.

Finally, we would like to reassure Parties that the GEF will continue to provide resources as a priority for the preparation of biennial update reports and national communications, and undertake additional work to respond to guidance from COP 24 on transparency reporting.

Thank you.