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Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
Provision of financial and technical support
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1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its oral report to the SBI on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs), including support provided through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties.

2. The SBI underscored the importance of the provision of adequate and timely financial and technical support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) and of streamlining and simplifying the existing procedures of the GEF and its implementing agencies, as well as exploring alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes, in order to facilitate and expedite the access of developing country Parties to financial resources, enabling them to meet their measurement, reporting and verification obligations under the Convention and build and enhance their institutional and technical capacity on a continuous basis.

3. The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in reporting under the Convention and require further technical support to enhance their domestic capacity for and ensure continuity in meeting their reporting requirements.

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

5. The SBI noted that, as at 6 December 2023, 438 NCs (i.e. 154 NC1s, 146 NC2s, 101 NC3s, 31 NC4s, 5 NC5s and 1 NC6) and 179 BURs (i.e. 96 first, 40 second, 27 third, 12 fourth and 4 fifth BURs) had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties.¹

6. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activity to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 4 above.

7. 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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¹ Lists of the non-Annex I Parties that have submitted NCs and BURs are available at <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs> respectively.