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MATTERS RELATING TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifteenth session, decided to recommend the following draft conclusions for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session:

**Draft conclusions on assessing the status of implementation
of Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention**

1. The COP noted that work had advanced significantly in this context, both under the agenda item on matters relating to the least developed countries, particularly regarding the establishment of the LDC fund and [development of guidance thereon], [the development of guidelines on national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs)], and [the establishment of an LDC Expert Group], as well as under other related agenda items.
2. The COP further noted that, in order to operationalize this action in a way that would meet the urgent and immediate needs of LDCs, relating to their vulnerability and adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change, prompt steps needed to be taken to expedite the process of provision of funding in support of NAPA preparation.
3. The COP concluded that there was a need to assess the status of implementation of Article 4.9 of the Convention at its ninth session, with a view to consider further action thereon.
