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**IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 9,  
OF THE CONVENTION**

**MATTERS RELATING TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

Draft conclusions proposed by the co-chairs of the informal consultations

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2003/6, containing the report on the third meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG).
2. The SBI noted with appreciation the efforts made so far by the LEG in implementing its programme of work in support of the mandate contained in decision 29/CP.7.
3. The SBI considered and noted the submissions by Parties and views from the LEG on strategies for implementing national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) and ways and means of addressing the various elements of the least developed countries (LDC) work programme in order to meet the urgent and immediate adaptation needs of LDCs, included in documents FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.6 and FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.4 and Add.1.
4. The SBI noted that a large number of completed NAPAs are expected to be available during 2004 and that, in order to ensure funding and support for the implementation of NAPAs, further discussion was needed to address modalities relating to their implementation, taking into consideration the importance of the elements in the NAPA guidelines included in decision 28/CP.7.
5. The SBI agreed that, in addressing other elements of the LDC work programme identified in decision 5/CP.7, continued attention should be given to the critical activities relating to awareness raising and capacity-building, including institutional and technical capacity, which are integral elements of the effective preparation and implementation of NAPAs by LDCs.
6. The SBI noted that the implementation of NAPAs should promote integration of adaptation concerns into the development processes in LDCs. It also noted that the LDC Fund needs to be complemented by other funding sources, such as development assistance.

7. The SBI acknowledged the usefulness of the LDC web page developed by the secretariat and requested the secretariat to take further steps to promote the dissemination of information to LDC Parties, especially in relation to NAPAs.
8. The SBI invited the Chair of the LEG to report to the SBI at its nineteenth session on progress in the implementation of the LEG's programme of work.
9. The SBI decided to consider additional guidance for the operation of the LDC Fund at its nineteenth session, with a view to recommending a decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session.

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