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Agenda item 4 (a)

National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair of the contact group
on agenda item 4 (a)**

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twentieth session, decided to continue consideration of this agenda item at its next session based on the following text with a view to recommending a decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session.

Draft decision -/CP.10

Submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications

The Conference of the Parties,

[*Recalling*, in particular, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a), and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 5 and 7, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular its decisions 10/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 31/CP.7, 32/CP.7 and 17/CP.8,

Reaffirming that, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the developed country Parties and other developed Parties included in Annex II to the Convention shall provide new and additional financial resources to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention,

Noting that guidelines for the preparation of national communications were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session,

Noting also that in accordance with decision 17/CP.8, non-Annex I Parties should use the guidelines contained in the annex to that decision, together with the guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism provided in decision 6/CP.8, for the preparation of second and, where appropriate, third national communications and, where appropriate, initial national communications, except where Parties have initiated the process of preparing second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedures or on an agreed full-cost basis prior to the approval of the guidelines,

Recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuous process,

Recognizing also that the submission of national communications is very important for Parties to better understand climate change issues,

Recognizing further the difficulties that non-Annex I Parties have had in preparing their initial national communications and the need to build capacity for using the new guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session, and the need to allocate adequate time to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their national communications,

Acknowledging that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, has agreed to fund, and has approved the funds for, the preparation of national communications, and has agreed on the Operational Procedures for Expedited Financing of National Communications from non-Annex I Parties,

1. [Acknowledges that a significant number of non-Annex I Parties are still having difficulty with the preparation and submission of their initial national communications due to, inter alia,

- (a) Lack of know-how
- (b) Insufficient technical and financial capacity
- (c) Logistical difficulties
- (d) Complexity of the new guidelines contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8,

2. Requests the secretariat to organize an expert group meeting to be held before the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties, with input from the Consultative Group of Experts and in coordination with the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, to examine the difficulties that non-Annex I Parties are having in the preparation and submission of their national communications; including the difficulties listed in the paragraph above, with a view to recommending a decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session on further action;]

3. [Invites non-Annex I Parties that may wish to do so to submit every two years a national inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, to the extent their capacities permit, provided that the agreed full costs of such inventories are made available pursuant to Article 4.3 of the Convention;]

Option 1:

4. [Invites non-Annex I Parties that have not prepared project proposal for the financing of second and, where appropriate, third national communications to do so, even in advance of substantially completing previously funded activities, in order to avoid a lack of continuity in project financing;]

Option 2:

5. [Requests non-Annex I Parties to submit project proposals for the financing of second and, where appropriate, third national communications as soon as possible, even in advance of substantial completion of their previous national communication, but not later than one year after the submission of their previous national communication, in order to avoid a lack of continuity in the process of preparation of national communications;]

6. [*Decides* that non-Annex I Parties shall submit their second and, where appropriate, third national communication within [three] [four] [six] years of the initial disbursement of financial resources for the actual preparation of the national communication, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, under the expedited procedures or standard approved procedures, on an agreed full cost basis. Parties that are least developed countries may submit their second national communications at their discretion;]

7. [*Decides* to undertake a review by 2008 of the submission of subsequent national communications from non-Annex I Parties;]

8. [*Decides* that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, should include in its report to the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh session, information on the umbrella project of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme and the Global Environment Facility, with regard to the operational modalities and approval procedures for financing the preparation of second and, where appropriate, third national communications from non-Annex I Parties.]]
