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**National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2006/INF.1 and welcomed the information made available by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the financial support provided for the preparation of initial and subsequent national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties). It invited the GEF to continue to provide information on activities of non-Annex I Parties relevant to the status of the preparation of their national communications. It also looked forward to receiving, in addition to the dates of approval, information on the dates of disbursement of funds, and requested the secretariat to report this information to the SBI at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006).
2. The SBI expressed its appreciation for the technical assistance provided by the GEF–National Communications Support Programme of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme, and bilateral and multilateral agencies, to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of national communications. It reiterated its request to Parties and relevant international organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 4 August 2006, information on their activities relating to the preparation of national communications, for compilation into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-fifth session.
3. The SBI recommended that the Conference of the Parties, at its twelfth session (November 2006), invite the GEF to further simplify its procedures and improve the efficiency of the process by which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations.

4. The SBI concluded that, in view of the technical constraints and problems encountered in the preparation of national communications, there is a need for financial and technical resources to maintain and enhance national capacities of non-Annex I Parties for preparing national communications.

5. It urged Parties and bilateral, multilateral and international organizations to take into account the recommendations contained in document FCCC/SBI/2006/4 on the provision of financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties.
