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**National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
Provision of financial and technical support**

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered the information on financial support provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).¹ The SBI recognized that this information is incomplete.
2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide information, and to ensure that it is detailed and complete, on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds, for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-ninth session (December 2008).
3. The SBI encouraged those non-Annex I Parties that have already received funding for their second or, where appropriate, third national communication, to make all efforts to submit them in accordance with decision 8/CP.11, paragraph 3. Parties that are least developed countries may submit their national communications at their discretion.
4. The SBI recalled the request by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in decision 7/CP.13 that the GEF continue to ensure that financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
5. The SBI also recalled the request by the COP, at its thirteenth session, to the GEF to take into consideration the request contained in paragraph 4 above in its planned mid-term review in 2008.
6. The SBI looked forward to being provided with information in the report of the GEF to the COP at its fourteenth session (December 2008) on the specific steps that the GEF has taken to implement the guidance given in decision 7/CP.13, paragraphs 1 and 2, especially on the request contained in

¹ FCCC/SBI/2008/INF.3/Rev.1.

paragraph 5 above, on additional guidance relating to national communications from non-Annex I Parties.

7. The SBI looked forward to being provided with information in the report of the GEF to the COP at its fourteenth session on operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs to be incurred by each non-Annex I Party that wishes to apply for funding for its subsequent national communication prior to completion of the national communication currently under preparation, in order to ensure continuity in the process of preparation of national communications and avoid lack of continuity in project financing.

8. The SBI recalled the invitation by the COP, at its thirteenth session, to the GEF to continue to provide information on funding for projects identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved.
