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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information on financial support provided by the secretariat of 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
2. The SBI welcomed the completion of the fifth replenishment of the GEF, and took note of the changes implemented in relation to the financing of the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties.
3. The SBI invited the GEF to provide detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on the most recent GEF Council related to the national communications of non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention, especially on modalities and procedures established by the GEF to ensure that financial resources are provided, in an efficient and timely manner, to meet the agreed full costs incurred by all developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph, 1 of the Convention.
4. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide information, ensuring that it is detailed, accurate, timely and complete, on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties,² including information on the dates of approval of funding and the disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to provide information on the approximate date of completion of the draft national communications and an approximate date of submission of the national communications to the secretariat, for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-fourth session.
5. The SBI recalled the request to the GEF made by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in its decisions 7/CP.13 and 4/CP.14 to assist, as appropriate, non-Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in

¹ FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.10 and FCCC/CP/2010/5 and Add.1.

² Decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1 (b).

accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2.

6. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to submit project proposals for the funding of their subsequent national communications before completion of their current national communications, in order to avoid the lack of continuity in project financing.

7. The SBI noted the concerns expressed by some Parties that the funding provided for national communications through the expedited procedures may not be adequate for some non-Annex I Parties to implement activities that they are to undertake as part of the process of preparation of their national communications.

8. The SBI encouraged the GEF, in accordance with decision 4/CP.14, to continue to ensure that sufficient financial resources are made available to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, for the preparation of their third and, where appropriate, subsequent national communications.

9. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its sixteenth session, request the GEF to continue to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications.

10. The SBI also recommended that the COP, at its sixteenth session, request the GEF to ensure that the expedited process under the operational procedures aimed to continue to provide timely disbursement of funds to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their national communications.

11. The SBI also recommended that the COP, at its sixteenth session, request the GEF to work with its implementing agencies to further simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through 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, and to avoid gaps between enabling activities of current and subsequent national communications, recognizing that the process of preparation of national communications is a continuous cycle.

12. The SBI also recommended that the COP, at its sixteenth session, request the GEF to finalize any remaining operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds for those Parties that decide to access resources for the preparation of their national communications through direct access.

13. The SBI also recommended that the COP, at its sixteenth session, request the GEF to provide detailed information on funding for projects that have been 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.

14. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at 4 December 2010, 139 initial, 36 second, two third and one fourth national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted. It also noted that 39 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their second national communications by the end of 2011.
