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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the progress report on the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE).¹
2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for hosting the fourth meeting of the CGE and the CGE workshop to exchange views on possible elements to be considered in a future revision of the UNFCCC Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, taking into account the difficulties encountered by non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their most recent national communications, held on 21–23 March 2011.² It also thanked the European Union for providing financial support to the work of the CGE.
3. The SBI welcomed the report of the CGE on the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 above, as well as the recommendations made by the CGE on elements to be considered in a future revision of the UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties contained in its progress report. It encouraged Parties to take into account these recommendations in such a future revision.
4. The SBI welcomed the technical report of the CGE on the common challenges, options and case studies/best practices available to countries and possible means of facilitating the development and long-term sustainability of processes for the preparation of national communications.³ It encouraged Parties and/or relevant organizations, as

¹ FCCC/SBI/2011/5/Rev.1.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/5/Add.1.

³ FCCC/SBI/2011/5/Add.2.

appropriate, in providing assistance to non-Annex I Parties, to take into consideration the recommendations provided in the report.

5. The SBI noted the usefulness of the two surveys conducted by the CGE under its work programme in accordance with its terms of reference, and invited those non-Annex I Parties that have not yet completed the surveys to provide the CGE with the required information as soon as possible. The SBI invited the CGE to further explore options, in addition to the surveys, on ways of gathering information from non-Annex I Parties.

6. The SBI noted the planned workshop of the CGE on facilitating the development and long-term sustainability of processes, and the establishment and maintenance of national technical teams, for the preparation of national communications, including greenhouse gas inventories, on a continuous basis, to be held on 20 and 21 June 2011.

7. The SBI encouraged the CGE to organize workshops in accordance with its work programme in such a way as to facilitate the maximum participation of representatives of non-Annex I Parties, and to continue to explore and use the most effective ways to deliver the content of the workshops to those representatives who cannot travel to such workshops, subject to the availability of resources.

8. The SBI recognized the important role played by the CGE in improving the process of and preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties, including those Parties that have not yet completed their initial national communications. It highlighted the importance of the training activities to be organized by the CGE, which remain unfunded. It also reiterated its request to the CGE to organize, to the extent possible, at least two training activities per region in the period 2011 to 2012, subject to the availability of resources.⁴

9. The SBI reiterated the invitation to the CGE, in implementing its work programme, to take into account the current and future needs of non-Annex I Parties and to take into consideration the provisions under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP).⁵

10. The SBI invited Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, and other Parties in a position to do so, to provide financial resources, as soon as possible, to enable the CGE to plan any future activities. It encouraged bilateral, multilateral and international organizations to support the work of the CGE.

11. The SBI noted that the term and the mandate of the CGE and the need for the continuation of the group shall be reviewed by the COP at its seventeenth session.⁶

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 32.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 33.

⁶ Decision 5/CP.15, paragraph 6.