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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the progress reports¹ of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) and the work programme of the CGE for 2013.² The SBI commended the group for developing and implementing its work programme for 2013. The SBI noted the recommendation that a long-term work programme to cover the activities of the CGE should be developed, in order to efficiently respond to the needs for technical assistance of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) for meeting their reporting requirements.³

2. The SBI noted with appreciation the progress made by the CGE in implementing its activities, including conducting workshops on the preparation of biennial update reports. It welcomed the two workshops.⁴

3. The SBI also noted with appreciation the training materials developed by the CGE, which are publicly available on the UNFCCC website.⁵ Recognizing that the training materials may facilitate the preparation of national communications and biennial update reports, the SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to make use of them, to the extent possible. The SBI noted that the training materials should be updated and enriched on a periodic basis, taking into account the current and future needs of non-Annex I Parties, the provisions under the Convention and the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties

¹ FCCC/SBI/2013/7 and FCCC/SBI/2013/17.

² FCCC/SBI/2013/7.

³ FCCC/SBI/2013/17, paragraph 52.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2013/INF.13 and FCCC/SBI/2013/18.

⁵ The supplementary CGE training materials on biennial update reports are available at <<http://unfccc.int/7915.php>>.

(COP). This includes the addition of practical and relevant examples, case studies and best practices reflecting different regional and national circumstances and needs, to enhance the usefulness of the training materials.⁶

4. The SBI took note of the recommendations,⁷ including on a long-term perspective, the enhancement of collaboration and participation, and the enhancement of the provision of capacity-building, contained in the progress reports referred to in paragraph 1 above, which could be useful in further enhancing the effectiveness of the provision of technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties in meeting their reporting requirements. The SBI encouraged the CGE to take into consideration these recommendations, as appropriate, in developing its work programme and undertaking activities, which will enable the CGE to provide technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties.

5. The SBI thanked the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention⁸ and multilateral agencies and programmes⁹ that have made financial contributions to the implementation of the work of the CGE.

6. In accordance with decision 18/CP.18, paragraph 5, the SBI completed its consideration of the term and mandate of the CGE, and the need for the continuation of the group, and recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at COP 19 (for the text of the decision, see FCCC/SBI/2013/L.24/Add.1).

7. The SBI also recommended a draft conclusion on this matter for consideration and adoption at COP 19 (for the text of the conclusion, see FCCC/SBI/2013/L.24/Add.2).

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2013/17, paragraph 60.

⁷ FCCC/SBI/2013/17, paragraphs 50–60.

⁸ Belgium, Canada, European Union, Finland, Japan, Norway, Romania, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

⁹ The National Communications Support Programme, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Technical Support Unit for the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and the United Nations Environment Programme.