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Reporting 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) welcomed the information provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the financial support provided by the GEF for the preparation of biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).¹
2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue providing detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of BURs, including information on the dates of requests for funding, approval and disbursement of funds, and an approximate date of submission of BURs to the secretariat, for consideration at SBI 43 (November–December 2015).
3. The SBI noted with appreciation that 10 non-Annex I Parties had submitted their first BURs by December 2014 and welcomed the 3 additional BURs submitted between 1 January and 8 June 2015. A further 18 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their first BURs by 31 December 2015.
4. The SBI noted that, as at 9 June 2015, there were many outstanding BURs, while recognizing the challenges that non-Annex I Parties face in submitting their BURs in a timely manner. It recalled decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(a), which states that non-Annex I Parties, consistent with their capabilities and the level of support provided for reporting, should submit their first BURs by December 2014. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties that have not submitted their first BURs to complete and submit them in a timely manner.
5. The SBI also noted that, as at 29 May 2015, the GEF secretariat had received 51 requests for funds from non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs, and that an umbrella programme for BURs implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) seeks to support 39 additional non-Annex I Parties in preparing their first BURs.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.7.

6. The SBI recalled decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(d), through which the Conference of the Parties urged non-Annex I Parties that have not submitted their requests to the GEF for financial support for the preparation of their first BURs to do so in a timely manner.² It also encouraged GEF agencies to continue to facilitate the preparation and submission of project proposals by non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs.

7. The SBI noted with appreciation the operationalization by the GEF of its Global Support Programme (GSP).³ It continued to encourage non-Annex I Parties to take advantage of the opportunities for technical assistance and support available under the GSP regarding the preparation of their national communications and BURs, including the requests noted in paragraph 9 below.

8. The SBI recognized the contribution made by the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in providing technical support to non-Annex I Parties through the development of updated training materials and e-learning programmes.

9. The SBI noted the requests from non-Annex I Parties for further technical support aimed at improving their domestic capacity to facilitate continuity in meeting reporting requirements through training on the use of the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, building sustainable national greenhouse gas inventory management systems, and understanding and applying best practices relevant to the setting up of domestic measurement, reporting and verification systems. It encouraged the secretariat, in coordination with UNEP and the United Nations Development Programme, to make every effort to ensure that the relevant training is made available to all non-Annex I Parties.

10. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat as referred to in paragraph 9 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

² FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 53.

³ A project administered jointly by the United Nations Development Programme and UNEP with the objective of enhancing the support provided to non-Annex I Parties for the timely preparation of their national communications and BURs.