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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 to provide detailed information on its activities relating to the preparation of BURs, including the dates of requests for funding, approval of funding and disbursement of funds and the approximate date of submission of BURs to the secretariat, for consideration at SBI 45 (November 2016).
3. The SBI noted that, as at 16 May 2016, 32 non-Annex I Parties had submitted their first BUR and that a further 11 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their first BUR by 31 December 2016.
4. It also noted that, as at 16 May 2016, the GEF secretariat had received and processed a total of 92 requests for funding from non-Annex I Parties to prepare their first BUR. Five of those requests were received after the initial deadline for submission of the first BURs in December 2014. The GEF has also received 12 requests from non-Annex I Parties for funding for the preparation of their second BUR; four such BURs are expected to be submitted by 31 December 2016.
5. The SBI further noted that, as at 24 May 2016, there were many outstanding submissions of BURs from non-Annex I Parties, 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 BUR

¹ FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.2.



by December 2014. It encouraged non-Annex I Parties that have not yet completed and submitted their first BUR to do so as soon as possible.

6. Recalling decision 2/CP.17, the SBI reiterated its urging² of the non-Annex I Parties that have yet to submit their request to the GEF for support for the preparation of their first BUR to do so in a timely manner. In addition, it encouraged the GEF agencies to continue to facilitate the preparation and submission of project proposals by non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs and to respond to the project proposals.

7. The SBI recalled the information provided by the GEF in its report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session³ on the procedures available to facilitate access by non-Annex I Parties to funding for the preparation of their national communications and multiple BURs within one application. Noting that 13 Parties have successfully utilized that facilitated procedure, the SBI encouraged all non-Annex I Parties to consider applying for funding for the preparation of multiple reports within one application, and requested the GEF agencies to respond to such requests in a timely manner.

8. The SBI welcomed the information provided by the GEF on its Global Support Programme for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports,⁴ especially regarding the development and implementation of its 2016 work programme. The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to take advantage of the opportunities for technical assistance and support available under the Global Support Programme.

9. The SBI noted with appreciation that the GEF had made good progress on the establishment of the Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency as requested at COP 21.⁵ It reiterated its request to the GEF to provide further information on this matter in its report to COP 22 (November 2016).

10. 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 (CGE) in providing technical support to non-Annex I Parties, and urged developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources for the implementation of the CGE work programme.⁶

11. The SBI, recalling the request⁷ of non-Annex I Parties for further technical support aimed at improving their domestic capacity to facilitate continuity in meeting their reporting requirements, also urged developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources for the secretariat to implement the activities referred to in the conclusions of SBI 42.⁸ It noted that such activities support non-Annex I Parties in building their transparency-related capacity, and requested the secretariat to report at SBI 45 on the progress made in this regard, including on relevant regional workshops held in 2016.

² FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 53.

³ FCCC/CP/2015/4, page 12.

⁴ A project administered jointly by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme with the objective of enhancing the support provided to non-Annex I Parties for the timely preparation of their national communications and BURs.

⁵ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 86.

⁶ Details of the work programme of the CGE are available at <http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/cge/application/pdf/updated-cge_workprogramme_2016_2018docx.pdf>.

⁷ FCCC/SBI/2015/10, paragraph 29.

⁸ As footnote 7 above.