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Agenda item 4 (b)

**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I  
TO THE CONVENTION**

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I  
TO THE CONVENTION**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

At its seventeenth session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session:

**Draft decision -/CP.8**

**Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included  
in Annex I to the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling*, in particular, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, Article 10, paragraph 2(a) and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 5 and 7, of the Convention,

*Recalling also* its decisions on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) and, in particular, its decisions 10/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 31/CP.7 and 32/CP.7,

*Recalling further* that, by its decision 8/CP.5, it had initiated a process of reviewing the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, with the aim of improving them,

*Having in mind* that, at its seventh session, it had decided<sup>1</sup> to continue the process of reviewing the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, with a view to adopting them at its eighth session,

*Acknowledging* that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention has made important contributions to the revision of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties,

*Recognizing* the important role of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, in facilitating technical advice and support for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications from non-Annex I Parties, pursuant to decision xx/CP.8,

1. *Decides:*

(a) That Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) should use the guidelines contained in the annex to this decision for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications and, where appropriate, initial national communications, except where Parties have initiated the process of preparing second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedures or on an agreed full cost basis prior to the approval of the guidelines annexed to this decision;

(b) That, in using these guidelines, non-Annex I Parties should take into account their development priorities, objectives and national circumstances;

(c) That these guidelines should be used to provide guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism for funding the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties;

(d) That the guidelines contained in the annex to this decision, together with the guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism provided in decision xxx/CP.8, should be used for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications and, where appropriate, initial national communications;

2. *Invites* non-Annex I Parties that may wish to do so, to use elements from the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, when preparing their national communications;

3. **New text to be inserted;**

4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to further expedite funding for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of their national communications, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 32/CP.7.