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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE FIFTH COMPILATION AND SYNTHESIS OF
INITIAL NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its nineteenth session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session.

Draft decision -/CP.9

Compilation and synthesis of initial national communications

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of, in particular, Article 4, paragraph 1, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a), and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions on initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular decisions 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.4, 7/CP.5, 3/CP.6, 30/CP.7 and 2/CP.8,

Noting the information contained in the fifth compilation and synthesis report on 16 initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties,¹

Noting also the information contained in the “List of projects submitted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention”,² and the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its seventeenth session,

¹ FCCC/SBI/2003/13.

² FCCC/WEB/2003/5.

Noting further that as at 2 April 2003, information contained in 99 initial national communications has been compiled and synthesised in reports prepared by the secretariat in response to relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties,

Noting also that 110 initial national communications have been submitted using the guidelines annexed to decision 10/CP.2, and that those Parties that have yet to submit their initial national communications are encouraged to do as soon as possible,

Concluding that non-Annex I Parties are continuing to fulfil their commitments under Article 4, paragraph 1, and Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and that many non-Annex I Parties have, on a voluntary basis, submitted projects for funding in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention, and that these projects have yet to be funded,

Concluding also that although the preparation of national communications has provided a valuable opportunity for capacity-building, inter alia in the area of national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation, and mitigation, the enhancement of capacity and support for the maintenance of such capacity is necessary,

Concluding also that, in view of the technical constraints and problems reported by non-Annex I Parties while preparing their initial national communications relating to, inter alia, the quality and availability of activity data, emission factors and methodologies to assess the effects of climate change and impacts of response measures, there continues to be a need for financial and technical support to enhance national capacities in non-Annex I Parties to prepare second and, where appropriate, third and initial national communications,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a compilation and synthesis of information contained in all initial national communications submitted up to 1 April 2005, for its consideration at its eleventh session;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare for its consideration at its tenth session an information document, in consultation with the financial mechanism of the Convention and its implementing agencies, on possible means to facilitate the implementation of projects proposed by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention, on a voluntary basis, for funding.
