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National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

**Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications
from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Progress of work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National
Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the oral report by the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE). The SBI took note of the progress reported by the CGE in the implementation of its work programme and of the activities proposed for 2005, as well as the outcome of the third CGE meeting held on 2 and 3 December 2004 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
2. The SBI welcomed the report on the successful completion of the first CGE hands-on training workshop on national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for the Latin America and the Caribbean region, held in Panama City, Panama, from 25 to 29 October 2004. It noted that the participation of 38 experts from 22 countries in the region illustrated a strong interest in the preparation of the second and, where appropriate, third national communications. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of Panama for hosting the training workshop and thanked the Governments of Finland, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America for their financial contributions to the workshop.
3. The SBI noted the importance of developing training materials for the CGE hands-on training workshops and expressed its appreciation to the Government of the United States of America for providing financial support. It also noted that these workshops are important for assisting Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in preparing their national communications; and encouraged the CGE to continue to hold these workshops, with the assistance of the secretariat, provided that adequate supplementary resources will be available. The SBI further noted that the next CGE hands-on training workshop on GHG inventories, for the Asia region, is scheduled to be held in Shanghai, China, from 8 to 12 February 2005.
4. The SBI welcomed the continuing efforts of the CGE to collaborate with other expert groups under the Convention by soliciting inputs to the development of hands-on training materials. It also

welcomed the decision of the CGE to develop a joint work plan with the National Communications Support Programme (NCSP) of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme and the Global Environment Facility. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue its coordination efforts with the NCSP and other expert groups under the Convention and requested the secretariat to support the efforts of the CGE.

5. The SBI took note of the progress of the work of the CGE to improve the process of national communications from non-Annex I Parties as mandated in paragraph 9 (c) of the annex to decision 3/CP.8. It also noted the efforts of the CGE to review existing activities and programmes, including those of multilateral and bilateral funding sources, to support the preparation of national communications in accordance with that decision.

6. The SBI encouraged the CGE to continue its efforts to prioritize its activities. It requested the CGE to prepare a report on the status of the implementation of its work programme for consideration at SBI 23 (November 2005).

7. The SBI welcomed the offer by the Government of Mozambique to host the first CGE hands-on training workshop on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Africa region in April 2005. It also welcomed the offer made by the Government of the Republic of Korea to host the CGE global hands-on training workshop on mitigation, scheduled for September 2005.

8. The SBI urged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, and other Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in a position to do so, to provide financial resources for the work of the CGE in the development of training materials and the organization of the hands-on training workshops.

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