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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report presented by the Chair of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) on the outcomes of its sixth meeting, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 and 18 March 2006, and welcomed the progress report on the activities of the CGE prepared by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/2006/8).
2. The SBI noted the outcomes of the hands-on training workshop on vulnerability and adaptation assessments for the Asia and the Pacific region held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 20 to 24 March 2006, and expressed its appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for the financial and logistical support that it provided to the workshop.
3. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Australia, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for their financial contributions to the development of training materials and for supporting the participation of developing country experts at the above-mentioned workshop.
4. The SBI welcomed the report of the CGE, contained in document FCCC/SBI/2006/4, on the outcomes of its examination of 41 initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties). It acknowledged that the report was useful in providing information on the scope of activities of non-Annex I Parties relating to national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessments, mitigation assessments and cross-cutting themes, and in identifying gaps and constraints in preparing national communications. It urged Parties and bilateral, multilateral and international organizations to take into account the recommendations contained in document FCCC/SBI/2006/4.

5. The SBI commended the CGE for its important work in providing technical advice on ways to improve the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties. It requested the group, consistent with its mandate contained in the annex to decision 3/CP.8, to examine the national communications submitted to the secretariat from 2 April 2005 and to prepare a report for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session (December 2007). It also urged those non-Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted their initial national communications to do so as soon as possible.

6. The SBI requested the CGE, in consultation with the Global Environment Facility–National Communications Support Programme of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme, and other relevant organizations, to advise the SBI at its twenty-fifth session (November 2006) on the provision of technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties upon request in identifying tools and methods needed, in the context of the preparation of national communications and which are applicable to their particular circumstances.

7. The SBI endorsed the efforts of the CGE to develop a template on cross-cutting themes (transfer of technologies, research and systematic observation, capacity-building, education, training and public awareness, and information and networking) to assist non-Annex I Parties in providing information under the section on “other information considered relevant to the achievement of the objective of the Convention” in national communications, and invited the group to report to the SBI at its twenty-sixth session (May 2007). The SBI encouraged the CGE to cooperate with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT) in the development of this template.

8. The SBI requested the CGE to take stock of the implementation of its work programme 2003-2007 and to identify possible elements for a future role for the group in facilitating the improvement of national communications of non-Annex I Parties and to report to the SBI at its twenty-sixth session. It also invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2007, their views on the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE, and requested the secretariat to compile these views into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at its twenty-seventh session.

9. The SBI noted that only part of the resources required for conducting the hands-on training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessment for the Latin America and the Caribbean region, to be held in Asuncion, Paraguay, in August 2006, and on national GHG inventories for the Africa region, to be held in Warmbaths, South Africa, in September 2006, has been raised. It invited 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 these workshops as soon as possible.
