



SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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National communications 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) took note of the information on financial support provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).¹
2. The SBI invited the GEF to continue to provide information, ensuring that it is detailed and complete, on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds, for consideration by the SBI at its thirtieth session.
3. The SBI encouraged those non-Annex I Parties that have already received funding for their second or, where appropriate, third national communications, to make all efforts to submit their national communications in accordance with decision 8/CP.11, paragraph 3. Parties that are least developed countries may submit their national communications at their discretion.
4. The SBI reiterated the request of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its thirteenth² session to the GEF to continue to ensure that financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention.
5. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its fourteenth session, request the GEF to ensure, as a top priority, that sufficient financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, noting and welcoming that a number of non-Annex I Parties plan to initiate the preparation of their third or fourth national communications by the end of the fourth replenishment of the GEF (GEF 4).

¹ FCCC/CP/2008/2 and FCCC/SBI/2008/INF.10.

² FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 35 (a).

6. The SBI reiterated the request of the COP at its thirteenth³ session to the GEF to refine, as appropriate, operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by those non-Annex I Parties that are in the process of preparing their third and, where appropriate, fourth national communications.
7. The SBI also reiterated the request of the COP at its thirteenth⁴ session to the GEF to assist, as appropriate, non-Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2.
8. The SBI further reiterated the request of the COP, at its thirteenth⁵ session, to invite the GEF to continue to provide information on funding for projects that have been identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved.
9. The SBI reiterated the request of the COP, at its thirteenth⁶ session, to the GEF to work with its implementing agencies to continue to simplify their procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations.
10. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its fourteenth session, invite the GEF to inform its implementing agencies of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties and of relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 4, paragraph 3, on the provision of new and additional financial resources to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

³ FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 35 (d).

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 35 (e).

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 36 (a).

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2007/34, paragraph 35 (c).