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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 4(d)

**National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention  
Provision of financial and technical support**

### Provision of financial and technical support

#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the financial support provided by the GEF for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties).<sup>1</sup>
2. The SBI also took note of the “GEF policy guidelines for the financing of biennial update reports for Parties not included in Annex I to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”<sup>2</sup> for the preparation of first biennial update reports (BURs) from non-Annex I Parties.
3. The SBI, recalling decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 41(d), urged non-Annex I Parties to submit, as applicable, their request to the GEF for support for the preparation of their first BUR, in a timely manner.
4. The SBI recommended that the Conference of the Parties (COP), at its eighteenth session, request the GEF to make available support to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their subsequent BURs, fully taking into account decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 41(a) and (e).
5. The SBI reiterated the request to the GEF made by the COP in its decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 44, to make available support to non-Annex I Parties preparing their BURs as early as possible in 2012 and on the basis of agreed full-cost funding.
6. The SBI invited the GEF to continue providing detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 10/CP.2, paragraph 1(b), including information on the dates of approval of funding and disbursement of funds. It also invited the GEF to continue providing information on the approximate date of

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.7.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <[http://www.thegef.org/gef/guideline/biennial\\_update\\_reports\\_parties\\_UNFCCC](http://www.thegef.org/gef/guideline/biennial_update_reports_parties_UNFCCC)>.

completion of the draft national communications and an approximate date of submission to the secretariat of the national communications, for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-seventh session.

7. The SBI also invited the GEF to provide, in its report to the COP at its eighteenth session, detailed, accurate, timely and complete information on its activities relating to the preparation of BURs, including information on the dates of request and approval of funding, as well as disbursement of funds.

8. The SBI noted the submission<sup>3</sup> made by a non-Annex I Party on the detailed costs it incurred, including in-kind contributions, for the preparation of its most recent national communication and on the financial resources received through the GEF, as invited by the SBI at its thirty-fifth session.<sup>4</sup> It invited other non-Annex I Parties that have not already done so to submit their views on this issue by 17 September 2012. The SBI requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the SBI at the thirty-seventh session.

9. It encouraged the GEF, in accordance with decision 4/CP.14, to continue 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.

10. The SBI recommended that the COP, at its eighteenth session, request the GEF to provide funds for technical support for the preparation of BURs from non-Annex I Parties, similar to that provided by the National Communications Support Programme, recognizing that the costs of such technical support are not deducted from the funds provided to non-Annex I Parties for the preparation of their BURs. It invited the GEF to report on this matter in its report to the COP at its nineteenth session.

11. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at 24 May 2012, 142 initial, 73 second, three third and one fourth national communications from non-Annex I Parties had been submitted. It also noted that 44 non-Annex I Parties are expected to submit their second national communications by the end of 2012.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2012/MISC.7.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2011/17, paragraph 39.