

## DRAFT TEXT

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### SBI 61 agenda item 4(b) Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention Provision of financial and technical support

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*Note: Option 1 refers to options reflected in the last version of the draft negotiating text from 17:20, 13 November 2024 or to new paragraphs submitted by Parties in written form. Option 2 refers to options reflected in the version of the draft negotiating text from 9:30, 11 June 2024. Options 3–5 are based on submissions received.*

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1.

#### Option 1:

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session and its addendum<sup>1</sup> on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), including support provided through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties.

#### Option 2:

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its reports to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session and to SBI 60<sup>2</sup> on financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), including support provided through the joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties.

2.

#### Option 1:

The SBI also welcomed the informal oral report by the secretariat provided at SBI 60 under this agenda sub-item on its provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties for enhancing their capacity to fulfil their reporting obligations under the Convention.

#### Option 2:

The SBI also welcomed the oral report by the secretariat on technical support provided to non-Annex I Parties to enhance their capacity for reporting under the Convention.

3.

#### Option 1:

[The SBI further welcomed the ongoing work of the GEF on streamlining its project approval cycle, encouraged the GEF and its implementing agencies to continue efforts to increase the efficiency of their processes and operations and underscored the importance of the GEF implementing programming modalities, procedures and processes, in accordance with its mandate, aimed at addressing gaps in financial support between project cycles, ensuring the sustainability of national technical teams and enabling non-Annex I Parties to put in place the necessary workflows for preparing their NCs.]

#### Option 2:

No text.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/CP/2024/8 and Add.1.

Option 3:

The SBI further welcomed the ongoing work of the GEF on streamlining its project approval process and encouraged the GEF and its implementing agencies to continue efforts to increase the efficiency of their processes and operations.

Option 4:

The SBI further welcomed the ongoing work of the GEF on streamlining the project approval process and underscored the importance of this work to avoid financial support gaps, helping to ensure the sustainability of reporting arrangements for non-Annex I Parties for preparing their NCs.

**4.**

Option 1:

The SBI underscored the importance of the provision of predictable[, adequate and timely] financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties, including by the GEF, and the need to expedite the access of non-Annex I Parties to the financial resources necessary for facilitating the fulfilment of their reporting obligations under the Convention on a continuous basis and building or enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for reporting, including their national technical teams, in a sustainable manner.

Option 2:

The SBI underscored the importance of the provision of adequate and timely financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties, and of streamlining and simplifying the existing procedures of the GEF and its implementing agencies, as well as of exploring alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes, in accordance with the GEF mandate, in order to facilitate and expedite the access of developing country Parties to financial resources, enabling them to meet their measurement, reporting and verification obligations under the Convention and building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity on a continuous basis.

Option 3:

The SBI underscored the importance of the provision of predictable financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties, including by the GEF, and the need for non-Annex I Parties to utilize available financial resources, fulfil their reporting obligations under the Convention on a continuous basis and build or enhance their institutional and technical capacity, including that of their national technical teams, for reporting in a sustainable manner.

Option 4:

The SBI underscored the importance of the continued provision of adequate and timely financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties and of streamlining and simplifying the existing procedures of the GEF and its implementing agencies.

The SBI also underscored the importance of the GEF continuing to implement alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes, in accordance with its mandate, for facilitating and expediting the access of non-Annex I Parties to financial resources, enhancing their ability to prepare their reports and building and enhancing their institutional and technical capacity for reporting on a continuous basis.

**5.**

Option 1:

The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Convention and [also noted the importance of the provision of] [require further] [financial, technical and capacity-building] support, including for strengthening their national reporting systems, [for meeting] [to meet] those obligations on a continuous basis, including by strengthening national reporting systems [to be in a digital form].

Option 2:

The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in reporting under the Convention and require further support to enhance their domestic capacity for and ensure continuity in meeting their reporting requirements, including for establishment and enhancement of national reporting systems within their national Governments.

Option 3:

The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Convention and also noted the importance of the provision of financial, technical and capacity-building support, including for strengthening their national reporting systems, for meeting those obligations.

Option 4:

The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in reporting under the Convention and require further financial, technical and capacity-building support to enhance their domestic capacity for and ensure continuity in meeting their reporting obligations, including support for establishing and enhancing national reporting systems.

Option 5:

The SBI noted that non-Annex I Parties continue to face challenges in fulfilling their reporting obligations under the Convention and require continued support to enhance their capacity to prepare their NCs.

**6.**

Option 1:

Recalling paragraphs 38–46 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI underscored the importance of providing support to non-Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement in an integrated manner with a view to addressing the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above and enabling them to fulfil their reporting obligations under both the Convention and the Paris Agreement and invited the GEF and its implementing agencies to explore ways to ensure that the transition from the provision of funding for the completion of BURs to that for the completion of BTRs does not hinder the timely completion of the respective reports.

Option 2:

[Recalling paragraphs 38–46 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI underscored the importance of providing support to non-Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement in an integrated manner to enable them to fulfil their reporting obligations under both the Convention and the Paris Agreement.]

Option 3:

Recalling paragraphs 38–46 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI underscored the importance of providing support to non-Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Paris Agreement in an integrated manner with a view to addressing the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above and invited the GEF and its implementing agencies to explore ways to facilitate the transition from the provision of funding for the completion of BURs to that for the completion of BTRs in order to ensure the timely completion of the respective reports.

Option 4:

No text.

**7.**

Option 1:

The SBI acknowledged the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of non-Annex I Parties to address the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above.

Option 2:

The SBI acknowledged the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of non-Annex I Parties to address the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above.

Option 3:

The SBI underscored the need to scale up the financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of non-Annex I Parties to address the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above.

Option 4:

The SBI underscored the need for continued financial, technical and capacity-building support available through bilateral, multilateral and other channels for enhancing the capacity of non-Annex I Parties to address the challenges referred to in paragraph 5 above.

Option 5:

The SBI underscored that funding under the GEF is still available for building or enhancing capacity for reporting under the Convention and that non-Annex I Parties can also use their STAR allocations for preparing their BURs.

8.

Option 1 (new paragraph):

The SBI further underscores the importance of ensuring that the overall size of the Climate Change Focal Area allocation allows for an adequate provision of resources for reporting and capacity building through the CBIT, while not impacting negatively on the amounts available for implementation of climate action.

Option 2:

No text.

9.

Option 1:

The SBI underscored the importance of the evaluation by the GEF of the adequacy of the support provided for ensuring the sustainability of, inter alia, the national technical teams, tools, data systems and workflows necessary for the preparation of NCs by non-Annex I Parties, through a cost evaluation process in the context of 09 GEF Replenishment.

Option 2:

No text.

Option 3:

The SBI underscored the importance of the GEF continuing to review and report on the support provided to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their NCs during each replenishment cycle.

10.

Option 1 (new paragraph):

The SBI noted with concern that to date, there were many outstanding submissions of BURs from non-Annex I Parties, while recognizing the challenges that non-Annex I Parties face in submitting their BURs in a timely manner.

Option 2:

No text.

11.

Option 1 (new paragraph):

Recalling paragraph 41 of decision 2/CP.17, in which it was decided that non-Annex I Parties should submit their first BUR by December 2014 and every two years thereafter, the SBI also noted with concern that, to date, only 4 Parties have submitted their fifth BUR, only 13 have submitted their fourth BUR and only 28 have submitted their third BUR.

Option 2:

No text.

12.

Option 1:

The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and other organizations, further technical support to non-Annex I Parties[, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States,] for their reporting under the Convention.

Option 2:

The SBI requested the secretariat to provide, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and other organizations, further technical support to non-Annex I Parties[, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States,] for their reporting under the Convention.

Option 3:

Recalling paragraph 39 of decision 1/CP.24, the SBI requested the secretariat to provide, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and other organizations, continued technical support to non-Annex I Parties[, recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States,] for their reporting under the Convention.

**13.**

Option 1:

[Recalling Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the SBI urged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to provide financial resources for the support referred to in paragraphs 5–6 above.]

Option 2:

[Recalling Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the SBI urged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to provide financial resources for the support referred to in paragraphs 5–6]

Option 3:

No text.

**14.**

Option 1:

The SBI noted that, as at X November 2024, X NCs (i.e. X NC1s, X NC2s, X NC3s, X NC4s, X NC5s and X NC6s) and X BURs (i.e. X first BURs, X second BURs, X third BURs, X fourth BURs and X fifth BURs) had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties.<sup>3</sup>

Option 2:

The SBI noted that, as at 11 June 2024, 448 NCs (i.e. 154 NC1s, 146 NC2s, 105 NC3s, 36 NC4s, 5 NC5s and 2 NC6s) and 191 BURs (i.e. 102 first BURs, 44 second BURs, 28 third BURs, 13 fourth BURs and 4 fifth BURs) had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties.<sup>4</sup>

**15.**

Option 1:

The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activity to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 12 above.

Option 2:

The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activity to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 12 above.

**16.**

Option 1:

The SBI requested that the action of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Option 2:

The SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>3</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs>.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs>.