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REPORT OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Draft report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its second session

Addendum

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Agenda item 4 (a): Matters relating to the financial mechanism

Agenda item 4 (b): Technical and financial cooperation: progress report

Draft conclusions submitted by the Chairman of the SBI

Agenda item 4 (a): Matters relating to the financial mechanism

1. The SBI considered document FCCC/SBI/1996/3 and took note of the information contained therein on relevant action taken by the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), including the adoption by the Council of the GEF of its operational strategy.

2. The SBI concluded that:

(a) The GEF, as the interim operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its implementing agencies should provide expeditious and timely support under Articles 4.3 and 12.5 for the preparation of national communications by developing country Parties in accordance with Article 12.1;

(b) The GEF, as the interim operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in that connection, should consider country-specific needs but could also consider approaches which may be used for several countries with similar needs upon request, and take into account that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process. In this regard, the guidelines to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) on the preparation of the national communications of non-Annex I Parties should be taken fully into account;

(c) The GEF, as the interim operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in this initial period, should implement enabling activities consistent with the guidance provided to it by the COP and expedite the disbursement of resources to meet the agreed full costs of such activities in accordance with Article 4.3, in particular the initial and subsequent preparation of national communications of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

Agenda item 4 (b): Technical and financial cooperation: progress report

1. The SBI considered document FCCC/SBI/1996/4 and took note of the information contained therein on secretariat activities in the area of technical and financial cooperation, in particular its efforts on CC:INFO, CC:FORUM and CC:TRAIN.

2. The SBI concluded that:

(a) Services provided by the secretariat in this area should be recognized, in particular those promoting the exchange of information through CC:INFO and those aiming at the coordination of activities and the effective utilization of resources for support to the preparation of national communications through CC:FORUM.

(b) The secretariat should prepare a report for the next session of the SBI on possibilities for strengthening and expanding these activities in support of the preparation of the national communications of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
