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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS AND
OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Information on relevant action by the Global Environment Facility

Note by the secretariat

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its second session, by its decision 10/CP.2 requested the Convention secretariat to make available to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at each of its sessions, details of the financial support made available to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention from the interim operating entity of the financial mechanism for the preparation of their initial communications, including projects in this regard proposed by each Party, the funding decisions and the date and amount of funds made available to the Party (FCCC/CP/1996/15/Add.1).

2. The attached table contains information obtained from the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

3. Parties may wish to note that the table includes a column entitled "Date of Project Document Signature". The secretariat has been informed by the GEF that project funds are available from the GEF Trust Fund to the Party concerned from the date when a project document is signed by the Party and an Implementing Agency (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank), and that project funds are disbursed by the implementing agency in conformity with

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disbursement arrangements provided for in the project document. In response to views expressed by the Conference of the Parties that disbursements of funds should be expedited, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the GEF (GEF CEO) agreed with the Implementing Agencies that all efforts would be made to accelerate the disbursement of funds and that 15 per cent of the GEF project financing may be made available to the recipient Party as soon as the project is approved by the GEF CEO.

GEF PROJECTS RELATED TO NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS*

BY NON-ANNEX I PARTIES

As of June 30 1998

COUNTRY	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	ENTRY INTO GEF WORK PROGRAM	DATE OF PROJECT DOCUMENT SIGNATURE BY AGENCY	AMOUNT OF GEF ALLOCATION (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	COMMENTS
I. Pilot Phase PROJECTS						
Lithuania & Vietnam	UNDP	Climate Change Capacity Building	---	---	0.90	
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, & Tunisia	UNDP	Building Capacity in the Maghreb to respond to the challenges and opportunities created by the UNFCCC	5/93	12/7/94	2.50	Libya paying for its own costs. First Tripartite Review held in April 1997. Project will not produce national communications.
Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Korea (DPR), Korea (RO)*, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand & Vietnam	UNDP	Asia Least-cost GHG Abatement Strategy (ALGAS)	12/91	8/18/94	9.50	Project activities almost all completed. Project scheduled to finish all activities at the end of August 1998. It will be operationally closed in October 1998. Terminal Evaluation scheduled for August 1998. Three major regional workshops and national workshops have been held for individual countries. In addition, the project sponsored a half day seminar in Kyoto to present the main results of the project to the COP 3.
Costa Rica, Gambia, Mexico, Morocco, Poland, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Venezuela	UNEP	Country Case Studies on Sources and Sinks of Greenhouse Gases	11/91	9/28/92	4.50	Project completed in March, 1997.

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Ghana, Kenya, Mali and Zimbabwe	UNDP	Building capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa to respond to the UNFCCC	12/92	8/16/95	2.00	Third Project Steering Committee meeting held March, 1997. Project to be completed by March, 1998. Project final workshop and terminal evaluation scheduled for July 1998.
China	UNDP	Issues and Options in GHG emissions control	5/91	3/6/92	2.00	Project completed in April 1995 and provides a framework for identifying new GEF climate change projects in China.
India	UNDP	Cost-Effective Options for Limiting GHG emissions	5/93	---	1.50	Project document ready to be signed. Top-up proposal to complete national communications is in the pipeline.

* The Republic of Korea participated in Asia Least-cost GHG Abatement Strategy (ALGAS) at its own expense.

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II. PROJECTS APPROVED THROUGH STANDARD PROCEDURES							
Global	UNDP/UNEP	National Communications Support Programme	N/A Multi-Country Project	3/31/98	---	3.20	First Thematic Workshop on GHG Inventory for Africa scheduled in October 1998.
Antigua Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago	World Bank	Regional (CARICOM) Planning for Adaptation to Climate Change	N/A Multi-Country Project	2/10/97	03/13/97	6.30	A supervision mission took place in June, 1998, and satisfactory implementation progress is being made. An Enabling Activity for the participation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was approved on July 21, 1998, and is expected to begin implementation in early August.
Antigua and Barbuda, Cameroon, Estonia, Pakistan	UNEP	Country Studies on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Assessment	N/A Multi-Country Project	2/96	5/1/96	2.00	Project completed. All country reports submitted. External evaluation in October 1998.
Argentina, Ecuador, Estonia, Hungary, Indonesia, Mauritius, Senegal, Vietnam	UNEP	Economics of GHG Limitation-Methodological Framework for Climate Change Mitigation Assessment	N/A Multi-Country Project	1/18/96	3/18/96	3.00	Under implementation. Second draft guidelines distributed March, '97. Training workshops held Aug. 96, May 97.

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Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Fed. States of Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.	UNDP	Pacific Island Climate Change Assistance Project (PICCAP)	N/A Multi-Country Project	3/20/97	4/8/97	2.44	Project working closely with CC:Train (Phase 2). Project coordinator and Technical Advisor appointed. Niue is participating in PICCAP with its own resources. <u>Micronesia submitted National Communications in November 1997.</u>
Benin, Bolivia, Chad, Cook Islands, Cuba, Ecuador, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa	UNDP	Climate Change Capacity Building: CC: TRAIN-Phase II	N/A Multi-Country project	3/26/96	3/27/96	2.70	All Regional Training Workshops now completed. Operating in parallel with PICCAP for Pacific countries. Operating in close collaboration with activities undertaken by UNDP Sub-Saharan Africa capacity building project.
Argentina	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	12/7/94	1/17/96	2/16/96	1.00	Inventory completed (land use segment being reviewed); V & A assessment underway. <u>National communication submitted in July 1997.</u> End of Project Workshop scheduled for May, 1998.

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II. Projects Approved Through Standard Procedures							
Armenia	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	3/31/95	12/15/95	5/7/96	0.35	National communication expected to be submitted in fall 1998. Project as a whole continuing until May 1999.
Bhutan, Kingdom of	UNDP	Bhutan National Greenhouse Gas Project	1/30/96	6/26/96	8/15/96	0.30	Project initiation workshop held April 1997. GHG Inventory expected to be completed by June 1998.
Botswana	UNDP	Enabling Botswana to fulfill its commitments to the UNFCCC	11/18/94	8/14/96	9/5/96	0.35	Project under implementation. Process under way for the preparation of national communication by the end of 1998.
Brazil	UNDP	Enabling Brazil to fulfill its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/31/95	6/14/96	8/1/96	1.50	Project under implementation.
Costa Rica	UNDP	Building National Technical Capacity to Develop Options for GHG emissions reductions and carbon sinks enhancement	12/8/94	6/7/96	6/14/96	0.47	Project under implementation.
Congo Democratic Republic of	UNDP	Enabling DR.Congo to fulfil its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/17/95	3/7/97	7/97	0.35	Project under implementation.

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Egypt	UNDP	Building Capacity for GHG Inventory and Action Plans in Egypt	11/16/94	4/22/96	6/12/96	0.40	Mitigation workshop held July 1997, followed by GHG Inventory Workshop. Extension of project for one year beyond September 1998 to establish permanent mechanism for national communications and submit initial national communications.
Jordan	UNDP	Capacity Building to enable response to the UNFCCC	11/12/94	10/17/95	4/18/96	0.24	Additional top-up for US\$87,500 for vulnerability and adaptation approved and incorporated into original enabling activities. <u>First national communication submitted March, '97.</u> Remaining components under completion.
Lao People's Democratic Republic	UNDP	National GHG Inventory Project	7/19/95	7/29/96	3/97	0.31	Work program being planned. Research activities will start shortly.
Lebanon	UNDP	Building capacity for GHG Inventory and Action Plans in response to the UNFCCC.	3/11/95	7/11/96	12/11/96	0.29	Project work plan under preparation. Draft national GHG inventory finalized and under review. Abatement activities under implementation.
Malaysia	UNDP	National GHG Inventory and Response to the UNFCCC	4/1/95	9/13/96	10/30/96	0.47	Project under implementation. Project launch workshop was held in March 1997. Work plan finalized in April 1997.

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Maldives	UNDP	National GHG Inventory and Adaptation Assessment to climate change	10/29/94	10/4/96	11/96	0.86	The project was delayed initially due to difficulties in identifying project staff. CC:Train has been contracted to organize several workshops. The senior consultant is presently working in Maldives for 4 months to flesh out work plans.
Mexico	UNDP	Development of GHG Emission Coefficients from Live Systems in Central Mexico & development of a related information management system	12/2/94	6/7/96	10/29/96	0.31	<u>First national communications submitted in November 1997.</u> Other project activities to continue till June, 1998.
Papua New Guinea	UNDP	Climate Change Assistance Project	1/17/96	12/30/96	1/98	0.35	Project under implementation.
Sudan	UNDP	Capacity Building to enable the Sudan's response and communication to the UNFCCC.	3/20/95	10/3/96	2/4/97	0.29	Project under implementation.
Tunisia	UNDP	National Strategy and Action Plans for emission reduction and communications under the UNFCCC.	2/3/95	8/14/96	9/6/96	0.57	Project under implementation.

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Uruguay	UNDP	Institution-al strengthening and enabling activities to comply with the UNFCCC.	11/25/94	11/13/95	12/18/96	0.70	<u>National communications submitted in October 1997.</u> Project finished.
Uzbekistan	UNDP	Country Study on Climate Change	8/7/95	1/2/97	4/2/97	0.33	Project under implementation.

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Albania	UNDP	Enabling Albania to prepare its first national communication	5/15/96	7/30/96	4/6/98	0.28	Project under implementation.
Algeria	UNDP	Enabling Algeria to prepare its First national Communication to the UNFCCC	---	1/22/98	2/98	0.20	Project under implementation.
Antigua and Barbuda	UNDP	Enabling Antigua and Barbuda to prepare its first national Communication in response to UNFCCC commitments	4/16/97	7/21/97	12/19/97	0.16	Project under implementation.
Azerbaijan	UNDP	Enabling Azerbaijan to prepare its First national Communication to the UNFCCC	12/26/96	7/16/97	12/25/97	0.33	Project under implementation.
Bahamas	UNDP	Enabling The Bahamas to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	10/22/96	8/26/97	12/2/97	0.19	Project under implementation.
Bahrain	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/17/97	10/1/97	11/9/97	0.34	Work undergoing on GHG Inventory.

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Barbados	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of First National Communication	11/20/96	10/31/97	5/18/98	0.19	Authorization of disbursements being processed.
Belize	UNDP	Enabling Belize to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/3/97	1/8/98	5/29/98	0.19	Authorization of disbursements being processed.
Burkina Faso	UNDP	Enabling Burkina Faso to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	10/10/96	5/19/97	1/98	0.24	Project under implementation.
Cambodia	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of First National Communication	11/12/96	3/24/97	6/98	0.33	Project document being finalized. Project under implementation.
Cameroon	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	12/26/96	7/16/97	8/13/97	0.27	Project under implementation
Cape Verde Islands	UNDP	Enabling Cape Verde to Prepare its first National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/26/96	3/18/97	8/97	0.32	Project under implementation.

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Central African Republic	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	7/17/97	8/26/97	11/20/97	0.35	Project under implementation.
Chile	UNDP	Enabling Chile to fulfil its commitments to the UNFCCC	5/30/96	8/30/96	4/11/97	0.35	Project under implementation.
Côte d'Ivoire	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	12/11/97	3/26/98	5/4/98	0.32	Project management team established.
Croatia	UNDP	Enabling Croatia to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	---	5/29/98	---	0.35	Implementation expected to start in Aug./Sep. 1998.
Dominica, the Commonwealth of	UNDP	Enabling the Commonwealth of Dominica to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	10/30/97	1/6/98	2/12/98	0.17	Project under implementation.
El Salvador	UNDP	Enabling El Salvador to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	1/9/97	3/24/97	6/19/97	0.32	Project under implementation.

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Eritrea	UNDP	Enabling Eritrea to prepare its first national communications	7/5/96	9/4/96	4/98	0.30	Project under implementation.
Ethiopia	UNDP	Enabling Ethiopia to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	2/11/97	5/19/97	---	0.21	Project document being finalized
Gambia, The	UNDP	Enabling Gambia to prepare its first National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/12/96	3/24/97	1/98	0.14	Project under implementation.
Georgia	UNDP	Enabling Georgia to fulfil its Commitments to the UNFCCC	5/24/96	9/4/96	1/20/97	0.33	Project implementation begun.
Ghana	UNDP	Preparation of Initial National Communication for the Implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change	4/9/97	7/16/97	1/98	0.10	National Communication to be submitted in Spring 1999.

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Guatemala	UNDP	Enabling Guatemala to Prepare Its First National Communication in Response to Its Commitments to the UNFCCC	11/18/96	3/24/97	10/16/97	0.33	Project under implementation.
Guinea	UNDP	Enabling Guinea to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	2/7/97	5/19/97	2/98	0.35	Project under implementation.
Guinea Bissau	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication	2/97	6/5/97	---	0.35	Project document being finalized.
Guyana	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication	9/30/97	10/27/97	6/5/98	0.20	Project under implementation.
Haiti	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	11/25/97	1/26/98	4/23/98	0.35	First National Workshop scheduled on August 26, 1998.
Honduras	UNDP	Enabling Honduras to Prepare Its First National Communication in Response to Its Commitments to the UNFCCC	8/6/97	3/24/97	10/15/97	0.33	Project under implementation.

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Indonesia	UNDP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of initial National Communication	---	11/13/97	4/98	0.23	Project under implementation
Iran	UNDP	Enabling Iran to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	2/11/97	6/24/97	9/97	0.35	Project under implementation.
Jamaica	UNDP	Enabling Jamaica to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	11/3/97	1/9/98	3/9/98	0.23	Authorization of disbursements being processed.
Jordan	UNDP	Vulnerability and Adaptation Study	---	12/15/97	2/96	0.09	<u>National Communication submitted in March 1997.</u>
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	UNDP	Enabling the DPRK to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	---	1/23/97	4/98	0.15	Project activities under way. Project work plan being coped out. Some minor delays have been experienced.
Lesotho	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/21/96	9/4/96	11/14/96	0.35	GHG inventory finalized

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Malawi	UNDP	Enabling Malawi to prepare its first communication in response to its commitments to the UNFCCC	8/6/96	3/18/97	1/98	0.19	Project under implementation.
Mali	UNDP	Enabling Mali to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/3/97	7/16/97	1/98	0.10	Project under implementation.
Mauritania	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	2/4/97	7/22/97	2/2/98	0.35	Training Workshop on GHG Inventory held in May 1998.
Mauritius	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	6/17/97	7/17/97	8/7/97	0.14	Final initial communications expected at the National Workshop in August 1998.
Moldova	UNDP	Enabling Moldova to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	7/7/97	8/15/97	12/22/97	0.33	Project commenced January 1998.
Mozambique	UNDP	Enabling Mozambique to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	10/96	7/16/97	2/98	0.22	Project under implementation.

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Nepal	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	1/12/98	3/4/98	---	0.31	Project document not signed yet.
Nicaragua	UNDP	Enabling Nicaragua to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	4/3/97	2/3/98	5.14.98	0.30	Authorization of disbursements being processed.
Niger	UNDP	Enabling Niger to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	9/2/96	8/25/97	4/98	0.35	Project under implementation.
Nigeria	UNDP	Enabling Activities for the Implementation of Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	8/7/96	3/18/97	10/97	0.26	Project document being finalized.
Niue	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	7/23/97	9/29/97	11/12/97	0.30	Inventory, Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation work under implementation.

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Panama	UNDP	Enabling Panama to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	7/14/97	8/25/97	6/24/98	0.30	Project under implementation.
Peru	UNDP	Enabling Peru to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/9/97	7/16/97	2/4/98	0.20	Project under implementation.
Philippines	UNDP	Enabling the Philippines to Prepare A National Communication Program in Response to its Commitments to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change	5/15/97	7/24/97	11/97	0.15	Project under implementation.
St. Kitts & Nevis	UNDP	Enabling St. Kitts & Nevis to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	12/19/97	2/3/98	5/20/98	0.16	Authorization of disbursements being processed.
St. Lucia	UNDP	Enabling St. Lucia to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	5/15/96	8/6/97	6/24/98	0.17	Project document being finalized.

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines	World Bank	Enabling St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Prepare its First National Communication in Response to its Commitments to the UNFCCC	---	4/28/98	---	0.35	
Senegal	UNDP	Enabling Senegal to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	6/97	8/25/97	11/97	0.07	National communication submitted in December 1997.
Seychelles	UNDP	Enabling Seychelles to prepare its first national communication	11/16/95	7/30/96	12/20/96	0.25	Activities expected to be completed by the end of 1998.
Sierra Leone	UNDP	Enabling Sierra Leone to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	7/9/96	9/11/96	---	0.31	Draft project document under final review.
Slovenia	UNDP	Enabling Slovenia to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	8/8/97	8/5/97	11/24/97	0.35	Project commenced December 1997.

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South Africa	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	---	6/1/98	7/9/98	0.32	Project started.
Sri Lanka	UNDP	Enabling Sri Lanka to prepare its first national communication	6/7/96	3/2/97	12/97	0.11	Project under implementation.
Swaziland	UNDP	Enabling Activity for implementation of the UNFCCC	11/22/96	3/18/97	11/97	0.30	Project under implementation.
Tanzania	UNEP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	5/2/97	7/17/97	8/25/97	0.25	Project Management Team established in November 1997. GHG Inventories started.
Thailand	UNDP	Enabling Thailand to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	9/22/97	11/13/97	5/98	0.19	Project under implementation.
Togo	UNDP	Enabling Togo to prepare its first national communication to the UNFCCC	2/20/97	6/18/97	4/98	0.34	Project document being finalized.

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Trinidad & Tobago	UNDP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	1/5/98	1/22/98	5/18/98	0.22	The project under implementation.
Turkmenistan	UNEP	Enabling activity for the preparation of First National Communication	5/13/97	6/17/97	8/8/97	0.35	GHG Inventories started, but progress slow due to lack of IPCC material in Russian language.
Uganda	UNDP	Enabling Uganda to prepare its first national communications	8/22/95	7/30/96	---	0.08	Project document hold with country office since October 1997.
Yemen	UNDP	Enabling Yemen to prepare its First National Communication to the UNFCCC	4/22/97	5/19/97	9/97	0.20	Project under implementation.
Zambia	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	11/14/96	4/24/97	6/23/97	0.26	GHG Inventories finalized. Draft Mitigation Strategy and Vulnerability Assessment discussed at May 1998 Workshop.
Zimbabwe	UNEP	Enabling Activity for the preparation of Initial National Communication to UNFCCC	11/4/96	2/7/97	3/7/97	0.09	Final initial communications submitted in May 1998.
