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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN
ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS
TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifteenth session, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session:

Draft decision -/CP.7

Draft decision on the consultative group of experts on national communications from non-Annex I Parties and [national adaptation programmes of action from least developed countries]

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in particular Article 4, paragraphs 3 and 7, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a) and Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 5,

Recalling also its decisions on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), and in particular decisions 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 8/CP.5 and [--/CP.7 relating to Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9].

Recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process,

[*Recognizing also* the special needs and concerns of least developed countries with regard to adaptation,]

Acknowledging that the sharing of national, subregional and regional experiences is important in the process of improving the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties [and in the preparation and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action by least developed countries],

Noting the importance of providing a forum for non-Annex I Parties, including the least developed countries, to share national, subregional and regional experiences in the preparation of national communications [and national adaptation programmes of action],

1. *Decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) [and national adaptation programmes of action] shall have the objective of improving the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties, [and of national adaptation programmes of action by least developed countries];

2. [*Decides also* that its current composition shall [be expanded to include five experts from least developed countries and four additional experts from Annex I Parties];

3. *Decides further* that in addition to the mandate contained in the annex to decision 8/CP.5, it shall carry out the following:

(a) Identify and assess technical problems and constraints that have affected the preparation of initial national communications by non-Annex I Parties which have yet to complete them, and make recommendations for consideration by the subsidiary bodies;

(b) [Provide technical advice on the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action by least developed countries];

(c) Provide input to the draft improved guidelines for the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of decision --/CP.7;

4. *Decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts shall conduct two workshops in the year 2002, assuming the availability of funds, with the objective of sharing experiences in order to ensure adequate coverage of the issues described in paragraph 3 above; experts and/or resource persons for these workshops will be drawn from the roster of experts of the UNFCCC secretariat, taking into account geographical balance, and will be limited to 40 persons from non-Annex I Parties;

5. *Decides also* that the mandate and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts shall be reviewed at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.
