

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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

**WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON NATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO
THE CONVENTION**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its sixteenth session, took note of the information contained in the reports of the fourth meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) (FCCC/SBI/2002/2) and the workshop of that Group (FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.3).
2. The SBI also took note of the oral report of the fifth meeting of the CGE, presented by its Chair, on the activities undertaken by the Group since its last report submitted to the SBI (FCCC/SBI/2001/15) and on its views on possible future activities to improve the preparation of national communications, such as technical assessment of national communications on a voluntary basis, organization of workshops on specific topics, monitoring of capacity-building programmes as they relate to the preparation of national communications, and strengthening of coordination between the national communication process and reporting activities under other environmental agreements.
3. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the CGE for its reports and for its significant contribution to improving the process of preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. The SBI commended the secretariat for the significant support it had provided to the CGE in the discharge of its mandate.
4. The SBI noted the views expressed by some Parties supporting the continuation of the CGE with a revised mandate, and recalled that the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE shall be reviewed at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with decision 31/CP.7, taking into account the review of the guidelines for national communication from non-Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 32/CP.7.
5. The SBI invited Parties to submit views by 15 July 2002 on the review of the mandate and terms of reference of the CGE. In addition, the SBI requests the secretariat to compile these submissions as a miscellaneous document, for consideration by the SBI at its seventeenth session, with the aim of recommending a decision on this matter for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session.
