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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The SBI thanked the secretariat for its oral report on the status of implementation of capacity-building decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth and seventh sessions.
2. The SBI emphasized the importance of capacity-building activities for effective implementation of the Convention and for the participation of Parties in the Kyoto Protocol when it enters into force, and stressed the need for full and timely implementation of the activities listed in the annexes to the capacity-building decisions adopted the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session
3. The SBI noted that a limited number of Parties have submitted proposals to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for funding to implement their national capacity self-assessments covering climate change, biodiversity and land degradation.
4. The SBI further noted that several Parties have received funding from the GEF to implement national, regional and global capacity-building activities in priority areas, in accordance with decision 2/CP.4.
5. The SBI took note of the need to support the implementation of activities included in the annex to decision 3/CP.7, in particular the capacity-building activities relating to the preparation of national inventories and establishment of national systems.
6. The SBI invited Parties to submit, by 20 August 2002, their views on the extent to which the implementation of the national capacity needs self assessments funded by the GEF addresses activities identified under the initial scope of needs and areas for capacity-building listed in the annex to decision 2/CP.7, for compilation in a miscellaneous document, for consideration by the SBI at its seventeenth session.
