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**REQUEST FROM A GROUP OF COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS,  
ALBANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA REGARDING THEIR STATUS UNDER THE  
CONVENTION**

**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. At its seventeenth session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the report by the Chair on his consultations with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) on access to funding by a group of countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Albania and the Republic of Moldova (CACAM).
2. The SBI noted further that the CACAM countries by virtue of their status as Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention were eligible for funding under the GEF.
3. The SBI also took note of the views expressed by Parties on the request from the CACAM countries regarding their status under the Convention.
4. The SBI underlined the importance of respecting the procedures of the United Nations for ensuring representation of all United Nations regional groups on bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations.
5. The SBI recommended that in future all references to Parties in decisions of the Conference of the Parties should follow the language of the Convention, for example “Parties included in Annex I” (Annex I Parties), “Parties included in Annex II” (Annex II Parties) and “Parties not included in Annex I” (non-Annex I Parties).

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