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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**

Submissions from Parties

Addendum

1. In addition to the 12 submissions already received and included in document FCCC/SBI/2002/MISC.6, a further submission has been received.
2. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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JAPAN

Japan's views on possible new mandate and terms of reference of the CGE

As a response to the conclusion adopted by the SBI (FCCC/SBI//CRP.2), Japan submits its views on the mandate and terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) as follows;

Japan believes that it is important to urge Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) to submit their national communications, considering that the implementation of the Convention needs all Parties' efforts.

From this viewpoint, Japan puts a high value on contributions that the CGE has made to the improvement of national communications from non-Annex I Parties so far, and considers that the role of the CGE is still important. Therefore, Japan supports the continuation of the CGE. However, size, mandate and the TOR of the CGE have to be reviewed based on the following points.

To carry out the mandate, Japan proposes, the CGE should take an approach to look into different situations among non-Annex I Parties. Non-Annex I Parties can be categorized into some groups in terms of population, economy, topography and so on. Some non-Annex I Parties are likely to be adversely affected by climate change but are not large greenhouse gas emitters, while other non-Annex I Parties are large GHG emitters as well as exposed to climate change impacts. Accordingly, treating different categories of non-Annex I Parties in a mass seems to make problems and constraints that have affected the preparation of national communications unclear. Japan believes that taking into different situations among non-Annex I Parties can result in more substantial assessment of national communications.

In addition, Japan proposes the CGE should conduct technical assessment of the submitted National Communication.

In relations to the CGE, the least development countries (LDCs) expert group has been established on the basis of Decision 29/CP.7. In this regard, the CGE mandate should be reviewed so as to avoid overlaps with the LDC expert group (LEG). In response to that context, the CGE and the LEG should be promoted to work in closer cooperation.

The revision of terms of reference of the CGE should be coordinated in accordance with the revised guideline which is currently under consideration.
