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FINANCIAL MECHANISM: THE SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Activities, programmes and measures of the Special Climate Change Fund

Views from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

1. The Conference of the Parties, by its decision 7/CP.8, decided to further define the prioritized activities, programmes and measures to be funded out of the Special Climate Change Fund in areas enumerated in paragraph 2 of decision 7/CP.7. It invited the Expert Group on Technology Transfer and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to submit, as soon as possible, views, relevant to their mandates, on the activities, programmes and measures referred to in decision 7/CP.7, paragraph 2, with a view to providing further guidance to the Global Environment Facility.
2. The secretariat has received one submission, and this is reproduced below in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

Annex**Submission by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on Activities, Programmes and Measures to be funded by the Special Climate Change Fund, in relation to the LEG Mandate**

Paragraph 8 of decision 5/CP.7 outlines a number of activities that should be supported through the special climate change fund and/or the adaptation fund, and other bilateral and multilateral sources. Decision 7/CP.8 decided that activities funded through the SCCF should be complementary to those funded through other bilateral and multilateral funding sources.

The urgent and immediate adaptation needs of the LDCs, as identified in NAPAs, will likely be met through a variety of funding sources, including the LDC fund, due to the diverse nature of various activities proposed in NAPAs.

Several of the areas identified in paragraph 8 of decision 5/CP.7 readily lend themselves to funding activities identified in NAPAs. NAPAs represent a country-driven, rigorous and participatory process that identifies prioritised urgent and immediate adaptation needs of LDCs. For example, paragraph 8 (a) of decision 5/CP.7 calls for prompt funding action where sufficient information is available. The NAPAs provide that sufficiency. In fact, given the principles governing NAPA preparation, such as complementarity with other existing processes, information contained in NAPAs is more than sufficient to launch SCCF funding for adaptation activities.

Another key area is capacity-building as identified in paragraph 8 (c) of decision 5/CP.7. Given the guidelines to prepare NAPAs, it is anticipated that NAPAs will contain numerous activities that support capacity-building, including institutional capacity, for preventive measures, planning, preparedness and management of disasters relating to climate change, including contingency planning, in particular, for droughts and floods in areas prone to extreme weather events.

Through various products such as the annotated guidelines and events such as the NAPA launch workshop in Dhaka and the four regional workshops, the LEG, in collaboration with the LDC Parties, together are ensuring that activities identified in NAPAs are prepared in such a way as to be promising candidates for SCCF funding on adaptation. The LEG will continue to provide guidance in accordance with future COP decisions to ensure that adaptation activities as identified in NAPAs represent a great starting point for early funding from SCCF.
