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**MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
UNDER THE CONVENTION**

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

Draft decision -/CP.7

**Other matters relating to communications from Parties not included in
Annex I to the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a) and Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 5,

Recalling its decisions on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), and in particular decisions 10/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4 and 8/CP.5,

Recalling that, at its fifth session, it had initiated a process of reviewing the guidelines for the preparation of national communications with the aim of improving them by the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account information on the use of the guidelines contained in the compilation and synthesis report prepared by the secretariat comprising a representative and meaningful number of national communications from non-Annex I Parties,

Recalling also that Parties have submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat their views¹ on the current progress of the process aimed at the improvement of guidelines for subsequent national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention,

Recalling further paragraph 1 (d) of decision 11/CP.2 on guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which states that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process,

Reiterating the importance of providing financial and technical support for the preparation of national communications by an entity operating the financial mechanism of the Convention,

Having considered the views of Parties on the report of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and on the current progress of the process aimed at improving guidelines for subsequent national communications of non-Annex I Parties,

1. *Decides:*

(a) To continue the process of reviewing the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in accordance with decision 8/CP.5 with a view to improving these guidelines at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) That the improvement of the guidelines shall take into account, *inter alia*, information on the use of the guidelines contained in the third compilation and synthesis report, as well as information contained in national communications submitted as at 31 December 2001 and the recommendations of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(c) That the UNFCCC secretariat shall prepare: (i) draft guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties in accordance with paragraph 1 (b) above, and (ii) background information on national communications from non-Annex I Parties submitted as at 31 December 2001, which shall be considered at an intersessional workshop with the participation of representatives from Parties to be held prior to the sixteenth session of the subsidiary bodies;

2. *Decides* to invite Parties to submit proposals to the secretariat on the proposed improved guidelines by 5 August 2002;

3. *Decides* to request the secretariat to prepare an information document containing the views of Parties on the proposed improved guidelines for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their seventeenth session;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2001/INF.11, section IV.

4. *Decides also* that non-Annex I Parties wishing to start the preparation of their subsequent national communications may do so using the initial guidelines as set out in decisions 10/CP.2 and 2/CP.4, pending the adoption by the Conference of the Parties of improved guidelines for the preparation of national communications.
