

**SBSTA/SBI 11 and 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC**  
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**CANADIAN INTERVENTION ON NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES  
NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX 1 TO THE CONVENTION  
AS DELIVERED**

**Agenda item: SBI 9 (a),(b) and 10 (a), (b) of the Provisional Agenda**

Let me add a Canadian voice to those who have congratulated you on your election to the chair of this body. We look forward to working with you.

Canada recognizes that non-Annex 1 National Communications have a very important role to play towards strengthening the implementation of the Convention. They not only help to identify capacity-building and technology transfer needs. They also serve as an important information sharing mechanism, and as a basis for the provision of outside assistance.

We welcome the valuable contributions which several Parties made in submitting their National Communications and the compilation and synthesis report prepared by the Secretariat. In our view, this process usefully identifies several key issues and needs of non-Annex 1 Parties. Further work will be needed to technically analyze these reports, and we would welcome a COP discussion on how this could be done. As a first step we would note that Australia's and Japan's suggestions regarding review by an expert group have merit.

At the same time we must also look ahead to the matter of Second National Communications. As a result of COP 4 guidance, the Convention's Financial Mechanism will be able to provide financial support for this second wave of reporting. An important next step therefore will be the development of appropriate guidelines for Second National