

Draft Proposal by the United States of America  
for a Decision on the Process for Consideration of Initial Communications  
from Parties not included in Annex I

*Recalling* Articles 4.1, 7.2, 9.2 (b), (c), (d), 10.2(a), 12.1, 12.5, 12.7 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change:

*Recalling* also its Decisions 7/C.1, 3/C.2, 8/C.2, 10/C.2 and 11/C.2:

*Recalling* in particular, Article 12.5 which provides that each developing country Party shall make its initial communication within three years of the entry into force of the Convention for that Party, or of the availability of financial resources in accordance with Article 4.3 and that Parties that are least developed may make their submission at their discretion:

*Noting* that the frequency of subsequent communications by all Parties, and the timing of the process of consideration of national communications will need to be determined by the Conference of the Parties, taking into account the differentiated timetable for the submission of national communications of Parties not included in Annex I;

*Bearing* in mind the importance of timely technical and financial support for the preparation of national communications;

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to expedite approval and disbursement of financial resources for the preparation of initial communications.
2. *Decides*:
  - (a) That the information contained in initial communications of Parties not included in Annex I will be considered in a facilitative, non-confrontational and transparent manner to ensure that the Conference of Parties has accurate, consistent and relevant information:
    - (i) To assess the implementation of the Convention by the Parties and the overall effects of measures taken pursuant to the Convention;
    - (ii) To facilitate implementation of commitments under Article 4.1;
    - (iii) To promote and facilitate the exchange of information on Parties' experience in implementing commitments;
    - (iv) To promote and guide the development and refinement of methodologies and guidelines to enhance the accuracy, completeness and comparability of Parties' national communications;