

Annex to decision 10/CP.2, shall remain valid, together with the guidance given to the Global Environment Facility in decision 11/CP.2;

2. that the use of these guidelines shall be the basis of any workshop on non-Annex I communications to be held for the purpose of responding to the needs of developing countries for the preparations of their national communications;

3. that, as stated in para. 2 (c) of decision 10/CP.2, non-Annex I Parties which wish to submit voluntarily additional information may use elements from the guidelines approved for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention when preparing their initial communications, and that they may likewise do so when preparing their subsequent national communications;

On timing of submissions of non-Annex I national communications

4. that, given the small number of developing countries which have as yet submitted their national communications, and given the provision of Article 12.5 stating that the COP shall take into account the differentiated timetable set by that Article in determining the frequency of subsequent communications, as well as the timing of the submissions of first and second national communications from non-Annex I Parties, timetables for submission of subsequent national communications shall differ for each non-Annex I Party. Full information from the operating entity of the financial mechanism on the effective availability of financial resources to the Party, and the timing of the disbursement of these resources to developing countries for the preparations of their initial and second national communications would be necessary to the determination of each non-Annex I Party's timing of submissions, in accordance with Article 4.3 and Article 12.5 of the Convention;

On financial and technical support

5. that a non-Annex I Group of Experts shall be set up, on the basis of nominations received from Governments of non-Annex I Parties in order to assess the availability of financial resources and technical support, to identify gaps, and also for the purposes of exchange of experiences and information, with the objective of enhancing support to preparations, and identifying the difficulties encountered by developing countries in the use of the guidelines, so as to improve the national communications of non-Annex I countries. This Group shall meet regularly, and be given the necessary resources to do so. Results of their meetings, and any recommendations from this Group shall be taken into account by the Subsidiary Bodies in their deliberations, and for any decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties on the national communications from non-Annex I Parties (*see Reference*);

6. that the secretariat shall provide the necessary assistance to convene the meetings of the non-Annex I Experts' Group for non-Annex I communications, in accordance with Article 8.2 (c) of the Convention, and as called for in para. 1 (a) of decision 10/CP.2; and