

2. *Decides* also that the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

(a) Shall conduct consideration of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties, on an annual or biennial basis, depending on the submission received in any particular year;

(b) Shall submit a synthesis report to the Conference of the Parties updating the overall aggregate effects of measures taken pursuant to the Convention, in accordance with Article 10.2 (a).

3. *Decides* further that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice conduct scientific assessments of the overall aggregate effects of measures taken in accordance with Article 9.2 (b).

4. *Requests* the secretariat,

(a) Drawing on the experience on the overall aggregate compilation of initial communications of Parties not included in Annex I, to prepare a report on the guidelines for the preparation of initial communications with a view, among other things, to further enhancing the comparability and focus of the communications;

(b) To provide any other assistance that may be required by non-Annex I Parties for the periodic preparation of national communications, in accordance with Article 8.2 (c).