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**CANADA'S INTERVENTION ON CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS FROM NON ANNEX1 PARTIES SBI JULY 1997**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Canada would like to congratulate Argentina and London for their submissions on the national communications and we look forward to the submission from Mexico in the very near future.

Canada would also like to congratulate the secretariat for the excellent document elaborating on the activities with respect to information dissemination and training activities for the preparation of national communications.

Canada considers the national communications to be a critical tool in the implementation of the FCCC.

Mr. Chairman, we are somewhat concerned that so far only two Parties have made their submissions. We urge all parties to make the best efforts to accelerate preparation of their national communications.

With respect to the consideration of national communications:

- Canada continues to be supportive of establishing a process for consideration of national communications from non Annex1 parties. In our views, this is one way to advance developing and developed countries commitments under article 4-1.
- Canada supports a review process, which is transparent, based on guidelines for the preparation of non-Annex1 national communications, includes country visits by the review teams consisting of representatives both from Annex1 and non-Annex1 and takes advantage of the experience gained from the Annex1 Parties review process.
- With respect to GEF funding, we support the idea of GEF representatives being present at SBI sessions to answer LDC questions. In this regard, we commend GEF for its presentation yesterday. In addition, we believe that regional seminars to explain GEF's role as a funding mechanism to explore what is available for funding and how to apply for it could also prove to be useful.