

Annex

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES NOT INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

1. The consultative group of experts on national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) shall have the objective of improving the process of preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties.
2. The consultative group shall be composed of experts drawn from the roster of experts with expertise in greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability assessment and adaptation, abatement issues and preparation of national communications.
3. The experts shall be appointed as follows: five experts from Africa, five experts from Asia, five experts from Latin America and the Caribbean and six experts from Annex I Parties. The experts representing each developing region shall be appointed by the Parties from that region in order to ensure geographical balance. The experts from Annex I Parties shall be appointed by the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. In addition, up to three experts from organizations with relevant experience shall be selected by the secretariat to participate in the group. The Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies shall be notified of these appointments.
4. The consultative group shall meet twice in the year 2000, each time immediately prior to meetings of the subsidiary bodies.
5. The consultative group of experts shall be mandated to:
 - (a) Exchange experience and information on the preparation of national communications, including consideration of subregional experience, through the meetings referred to in paragraph 4 above and paragraph 7 below, on the basis of agendas to be decided by consultation among the participants at each level of meetings;
 - (b) Consider, as appropriate, the needs for and availability of financial resources and technical support, and the identification of barriers to and gaps in this support;
 - (c) Consider, as appropriate, information in national communications from non-Annex I Parties in accordance with the guidelines for the preparation of initial national communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention contained in the annex to decision 10/CP.2;