

7. *Decides* to adopt at its 6th session guidelines for the second national communications of Parties not included in Annex I.

8. *Requests* the secretariat in cooperation with the GEF to prepare reports for the Subsidiary Bodies at their 12th session

- (a) on the application of guidelines for the preparation of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I with a view to further enhancing the accuracy, completeness, comparability and focus of national communications. This report should, *inter alia*, draw upon the information contained in the technical assessments of national communications and the conclusions drawn from the workshops and meetings under the NCSP;
- (b) on the GEF review of the support for initial national communications, in order to facilitate the decision by COP 6 on the guidance to the GEF on the support to national communications of Parties not included in Annex I for the preparation of second national communication, on the basis of the enhanced guidelines decided by COP 6.

9. *Requests* Parties not included in Annex I which are not least developed countries and which have submitted initial national communications to submit an annual greenhouse gas inventory update by the end of April each year.

10. *Welcomes* the steps undertaken by the GEF to operationalize and implement the guidance to the operating entity of the financial mechanism provided by the COP at its 4th session.

11. *Urges* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Inventory Task Force to give high priority to the development of a work plan to prepare a comprehensive database on emission factors, by region and technology, and to coordinate with the FCCC secretariat regarding this work plan and to report on progress to SBSTA at its 12th session.

12. *Requests* the secretariat to develop a paper on regional priorities for the research and development of emission factors, taking into account any conclusions of the regional workshops, the experiences drawn from the technical assessment of greenhouse gas inventories and inputs from Parties and relevant experts and organisations, and to submit this paper for consideration by SBSTA at its 12th session.

13. *Decides* that, in the interim period until guidelines for second national communications are adopted, and in accordance with decision 2/CP.4, the GEF should provide funding to developing country Parties which have submitted initial communications which have undergone the technical assessment provided for in paragraph 4 above

- for the preparation or, as appropriate, the refinement and the reporting of greenhouse gas inventories;