

**DRAFT TEXT**  
**on SBI 52–55 agenda sub-item 4(c)**  
**Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention**  
**Provision of financial and technical support**

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**[Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the information provided by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in its report to the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-sixth session<sup>1</sup> on:

(a) The operationalization of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT), including its programming and implementation modalities, and the voluntary contributions pledged by several countries;

(b) Financial support requested, approved and provided for the preparation of national communications (NCs) and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties);<sup>2</sup>

(c) The Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties (GSP).<sup>3</sup>

2. [The SBI also welcomed [the success of the GEF in operationalizing][the operationalization by the GEF of] the CBIT and highlighted its importance to building institutional and technical capacity, both pre- and post-2020. The SBI noted the conclusion of the GSP, with support to be provided through an integrated programme that will bring together the GSP and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform.<sup>4</sup>]

3. The SBI underscored the importance of provision of adequate and predictable financial and technical support to developing country Parties to [enable them to meet][support them in meeting] their reporting [needs][requirements][needs and requirements], build and enhance institutional and technical capacity, and participate in reviews on a continuous basis [while ensuring that the provision of support for reporting should not have an impact on allocation via the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources].

4. The SBI noted the importance of providing timely responses to requests submitted by developing country Parties and, recalling decision 10/CP.23, paragraphs 8–9, noted the request to the GEF to provide adequate support to assist developing country Parties [and to further consider ways to improve its access modalities for [all] developing country Parties seeking support, including small island developing States and the least developed countries [and African countries.]]], taking into account their needs and priorities.]

5. [Noting the improved procedures of the GEF for providing support to developing country Parties and], recalling decision 13/CP.25, paragraph 4, the SBI noted the invitation to the GEF and its implementing agencies to continue their efforts to minimize the time between the approval of project concepts, the development and approval of the related projects to prepare NCs and BURs, and the disbursement of funds. [The SBI recommended that the COP request the GEF to develop an expedited procedure for projects related to preparing NCs and BURs so as to avoid placing undue burden on developing country Parties.]

6. [The SBI recommended that the COP request the GEF to ensure all eligible developing country Parties are provided with access to enabling activity resources, in line with the memorandum of understanding between the COP and the Council of the GEF, and to report to the COP at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022) any eligibility criteria

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2021/9 and Add.1

<sup>2</sup> See also document FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.6.

<sup>3</sup> Administered jointly by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme with the objective of enhancing support provided to non-Annex I Parties for the timely preparation of their NCs and BURs.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/CP/2021/9, annex, para. 231.

emanating from decisions by the Council of the GEF that potentially contradict the memorandum of understanding.]

7. The SBI noted that, as at 2 November 2021, 154 initial, 144 second, 86 third, 14 fourth and 2 fifth NCs, as well as 1 sixth NC, and 69 first, 35 second, 18 third and 6 fourth BURs, had been submitted by non-Annex I Parties, with the submission of an additional 2 second, 12 third and 8 fourth NCs, and 17 first, 2 second, 4 third and 2 fourth BURs, expected by the end of 2021.<sup>5</sup>

8. While recognizing the challenges that non-Annex I Parties face in submitting their BURs in a timely manner, the SBI encouraged those non-Annex I Parties that have accessed financial resources from the GEF and not yet completed and submitted their first BUR to do so as soon as possible.]

*Note from the co-facilitators: Some Parties proposed capturing views relating to support for the ETF in this draft text, while others were of the view that this should be addressed as a part of the Presidency's consultation on support for the ETF or under an existing agenda item that deals with guidance to the GEF.*

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<sup>5</sup> The lists of developing country Parties that have submitted NCs and BURs are available at <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs> and <https://unfccc.int/BURs>, respectively.