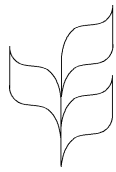




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In decision II/3 the Conference of the Parties requested the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to explore the modalities of providing support through the financial mechanism to developing country Parties for capacity building in relation to operation of the clearing-house mechanism, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting. The report of the GEF on its response to this decision is attached.