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**National communications and greenhouse gas inventory data from  
Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Status of submission and review of fifth national communications from  
Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

### Status of submission and review of fifth national communications

#### Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of fifth national communications<sup>1</sup> (NC5s) under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 14 November 2011.
2. The Conference of the Parties, by its decision 10/CP.13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC5s by 1 January 2010, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention. Decision 8/CMP.3 requested Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to include, in their NC5s, the necessary supplementary information required under the “Guidelines for reporting supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol” (contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1).
3. At the time of preparation of this note, and as shown in the table below, the secretariat had received 40 NC5s. A total of 16 Annex I Parties submitted their NC5s before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 10/CP.13; 24 Parties submitted their NC5s after that date (19 of these submitted them within six weeks after that date) and one Annex I Party has yet to submit its national communication. Submission

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<sup>1</sup> The term “fifth national communication” includes the second, third and fourth national communications that were submitted during the period of time in which the majority of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention submitted their fifth national communication in accordance with decision 10/CP.13.

dates and the pending submission are reflected in the table included in this document.<sup>2</sup> All national communications received so far have been posted on the UNFCCC website.<sup>3</sup>

4. In accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 33/CP.7, 4/CP.8, 7/CP.11 and 9/CP.16, national communications from Annex I Parties are subject to in-depth review. The “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol” (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) (hereinafter referred to as the Article 8 review guidelines) specify that each national communication submitted by an Annex I Party shall be subject to a scheduled in-country, in-depth review. This in-depth review for Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol encompasses a review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol and also a review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol on the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14.

5. In accordance with decision 10/CMP.6, the secretariat should organize centralized reviews of NC5s for Parties with total greenhouse gas emissions of less than 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry), with the exception of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, for which the secretariat will organize in-country, in-depth reviews.

6. As at 14 November, 2011, the secretariat had organized 32 in-depth reviews of NC5s, including 24 in-country reviews. The NC5s of eight Parties were reviewed in centralized reviews in accordance with decision 10/CMP.6, namely the NC5s of Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia. The in-country reviews of the NC5s of the remaining nine Parties (Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, European Union, Iceland, Luxembourg, Russian Federation, Turkey, United States of America) are planned for early 2012.

7. In accordance with the Article 8 review guidelines, the expert review teams shall make every effort to complete the individual review of national communications within two years of their submission, subject to the availability of resources. The table below presents the status of submission and review of the NC5s.

**Submission of fifth national communications, review dates and status of the preparation of the review reports, as at 14 November, 2011**

<i>Party</i>	<i>Communication received (date)</i>	<i>Language of communication</i>	<i>Review dates<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Status of review report<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Document symbol</i>
Australia	12 Feb. 10	English	20–25 Feb. 2012	–	–
Austria	16 Feb. 10	English	24–29 Jan. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/AUT
Belarus	30 Dec. 09	Russian, English	6–11 Feb. 2012	–	–
Belgium	4 Dec. 09	English, French	31 Jan. to 5 Feb. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/BEL
Bulgaria	12 Feb. 10	English	6–11 Feb. 2012	–	–
Canada	12 Feb. 10	English, French	16–21 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CAN
Croatia	12 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/HRV
Czech Republic	30 Nov. 09	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CZE
Denmark	31 Dec. 09	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/DNK
Estonia	12 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/EST

<sup>2</sup> In addition, the submission of the third national communication of Kazakhstan is also pending, and it is expected not earlier than by the end of 2011. For Kazakhstan, the Kyoto Protocol entered into force on 17 September 2009, and in December 2009 the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol concluded on Kazakhstan being a Party included in Annex I to the Convention for the purposes of the Kyoto Protocol (FCCC/KP/CMP/2009/21, para. 91).

<sup>3</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/annex\\_i\\_natcom/submitted\\_natcom/items/4903.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/4903.php)>.

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European Union	7 Dec. 09	English	Planned for 2012	–	–
Finland	23 Dec. 09	English	3–8 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/FIN
France	2 Dec. 09	French, abstract in English	23–28 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/FRA
Germany	14 Jan. 10	English	14–19 Mar. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/DEU
Greece	18 Jan. 10	English	31 Jan. to 5 Feb. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/GRC
Hungary	10 Dec. 09	English	18–23 Oct. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/HUN
Iceland	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2012	–	–
Ireland	12 Feb. 10	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/IRL
Italy	17 Mar. 10	English	28 Mar. to 2 Apr. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/ITA
Japan	21 Dec. 09	English	8–13 Nov. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/JPN
Latvia	16 Mar. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/LVA
Liechtenstein	25 Jan. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/LIE
Lithuania	13 Feb. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/LTU
Luxembourg (NC2, 3, 4 and 5)	14 Feb. 10	English	13–18 Feb. 2012	–	–
Monaco	25 Mar. 11	French	9–14 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/MCO
Netherlands	19 Dec. 09	English	28 Mar. to 2 Apr. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/NLD
New Zealand	23 Dec. 09	English	23–28 Aug. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/NZL
Norway	22 Jan. 10	English	10–15 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/NOR
Poland	16 Feb. 10	English	11–16 Apr. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/POL
Portugal	30 Dec. 09	English	26 Apr. to 1 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/PRT
Romania	22 Jan. 10	English	16–21 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Russian Federation	12 Feb. 10	Russian	Planned for 2012	–	–
Slovakia	15 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/SVK
Slovenia	6 Apr. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/SVN
Spain	18 Dec. 09	Spanish	18–23 Oct. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/ESP
Sweden	4 Feb. 10	English	8–13 Nov. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/SWE
Switzerland	14 Dec. 09	English	17–22 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CHE
Turkey <sup>c</sup>	Not received	–	Planned for 2012	–	–
Ukraine (NC3, 4 and 5)	29 Dec. 09	Russian	14–19 Mar. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/UKR
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 Jun. 09	English	1–5 Mar. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/GBR
United States of America	28 May 2010	English	Planned for 2012	–	–

*Abbreviation:* NC = national communication.

<sup>a</sup> The table specifies the dates of the review of the fifth national communications only for those Parties with which the dates had been agreed by the time of the preparation of this note. The planning of the remaining reviews is in progress.

<sup>b</sup> Reports of in-depth reviews of national communications marked as “published” in the table have been published on the UNFCCC website or have been submitted for publication. These are or will be available at [http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/annex\\_i\\_natcom/idr\\_reports/items/4056.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/idr_reports/items/4056.php).

<sup>c</sup> The submission of a national communication from Turkey is expected by the end of 2011, thus its review is planned for the first half of 2012.