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**Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Status of submission and review of second biennial reports  
from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

## Status of submission and review of second biennial reports

### Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of second biennial reports (BR2s) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 2 September 2016.
2. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their BR2s by 1 January 2016.
3. In addition, the COP, by decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 12, adopted the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties”, noting that developed country Parties shall use those guidelines for the preparation of their biennial reports (BRs). By decision 19/CP.18, paragraph 1, the COP adopted the common tabular format (CTF) for those guidelines and decided that developed country Parties shall use the format when preparing and submitting their BRs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17.
4. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received 43 BR2s and 43 sets of corresponding CTF tables. A total of 28 Annex I Parties submitted their BR2s and 29 Annex I Parties submitted their CTF tables before the due date determined in decision 2/CP.17, while 15 Annex I Parties submitted their BR2s and 14 Annex I Parties submitted their CTF tables after that date, of which 7 submitted their BR2s and 6 their CTF tables within six weeks of that date. The textual part of the BR2 of Luxembourg was submitted on 6 June 2016. The textual part of the BR2 and the CTF tables of Ukraine have

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not been submitted.<sup>1</sup> All BR2s and CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.<sup>2</sup>

5. The secretariat received the sixth national communication (NC6) of Turkey on 5 April 2016.<sup>3</sup>

6. The COP, by decision 13/CP.20, adopted the “Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC review guidelines) (decision 13/CP.20, annex) and decided that they shall be used for the review of BRs and national communications until any revisions to the guidelines are decided upon by the COP.

7. The secretariat coordinated 11 centralized reviews between 7 March and 11 June 2016, covering all BR2s submitted by Annex I Parties. The review of the NC6 of Turkey took place in conjunction with the review of its first and second BRs.<sup>4</sup> The dates of submission of the BR2s and the status of review reports are presented in the table below.

8. The delay in the submission of BR2s and corresponding CTF tables (see para. 4 above) hampers the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the preparation and conduct of their review and the multilateral assessment (MA).<sup>5</sup>

9. MA for 24 Annex I Parties,<sup>6</sup> based on the technical review of their BRs, is planned for the forty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), while MA for the remaining 19 reviewed Parties is envisaged for SBI 46. The summary reports on the MA for those Parties will be published three months after each MA session.

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<sup>1</sup> Ukraine informed the secretariat on 16 May 2016 that the delay in the submission is due to financial and technical issues and that it plans to submit its BR2 and CTF tables by 1 January 2018.

<sup>2</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/biennial\\_reports\\_and\\_iar/submitted\\_biennial\\_reports/items/7550.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/submitted_biennial_reports/items/7550.php)>.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/annex\\_i\\_natcom/submitted\\_natcom/items/7742.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/7742.php)>.

<sup>4</sup> Paragraph 20 of the UNFCCC review guidelines notes that the secretariat, where appropriate, may consider other UNFCCC review processes when coordinating reviews of BRs and national communications, in particular with a view to addressing the need to improve the cost-effectiveness of the review process.

<sup>5</sup> Paragraph 107 of the UNFCCC review guidelines notes that the expert review teams shall make every effort to complete the individual review of BRs within 15 months of the due date of their submission.

<sup>6</sup> Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Dates of submission of second biennial reports and status of review reports as at 2 September 2016**

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>Second biennial report received (date)</i>	<i>Common tabular format tables received (date)</i>	<i>Language(s) of submission</i>	<i>Dates of centralized review week</i>	<i>Status of review report</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>
Australia	23 Dec. 2015	23 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/AUS
Austria	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/AUT
Belarus	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	Russian	30 May to 4 June 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/BLR
Belgium	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/BEL
Bulgaria	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/BGR
Canada	10 Feb. 2016	25 Apr. 2016	English and French	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Croatia	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/HRV
Cyprus	15 Feb. 2016 22 Apr. and 6 May 2016 (revised)	15 Feb. 2016 6 May 2016 (revised)	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Czech Republic	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015 14 Mar. 2016 (revised)	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/CZE
Denmark	12 Jan. 2016	12 Jan. 2016 29 Feb. and 3 Mar. 2016 (revised)	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/DNK
Estonia	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/EST
European Union	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/EU
Finland	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/FIN
France	18 Dec. 2015	18 Dec. 2015	English and French	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Germany	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/DEU
Greece	29 Mar. 2016	17 Mar. 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/GRC
Hungary	5 Feb. 2016	5 Feb. 2016	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/HUN
Iceland	2 Mar. 2016	2 Mar. 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–

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Ireland	19 Jan. 2016	19 Jan. 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Italy	23 Dec. 2015	23 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/ITA
Japan	28 Dec. 2015 22 June 2016 (revised)	28 Dec. 2015 22 June 2016 (revised)	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Kazakhstan	16 Feb. 2016	16 Feb. 2016 16 Mar. 2016 (revised)	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Latvia	30 Dec. 2015 11 Mar. 2016 (revised)	30 Dec. 2015 11 Mar. 2016 (revised)	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/LVA
Liechtenstein	7 Jan. 2016	31 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Lithuania	31 Dec. 2015 4 Feb. 2016 (revised)	31 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/LTU
Luxembourg	6 June 2016	10 Feb. 2016 31 May 2016 (revised)	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Malta	7 Jan. 2016	7 Jan. 2016	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/MLT
Monaco	13 May 2016	13 May 2016	NA	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Netherlands	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/NLD
New Zealand	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/NZD
Norway	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015 6 Jan. 2016 (revised)	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/NOR
Poland	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015 8 Jan. 2016 (revised)	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/POL
Portugal	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/PRT
Romania	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Russian Federation	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	Russian	30 May to 4 June 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/RUS

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Slovakia	18 Dec. 2015	15 Dec. 2015 16 Dec. 2015 (revised)	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/SVK
Slovenia	16 Mar. 2016	1 Mar. 2016	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Spain	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	Spanish	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Sweden	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/SWE
Switzerland	21 Dec. 2015 28 July 2016 Corrigendum	21 Dec. 2015	English English	7–12 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/CHE
Turkey	29 Jan. 2016 8 Mar. 2016 (revised)	29 Jan. 2016	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Turkey (NC6) <sup>a</sup>	5 Apr. 2016	NA	English	6–11 June 2016	Under preparation	–
Ukraine <sup>b</sup>	Not yet received	Not yet received	NA		–	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18 Dec. 2015	18 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 Mar. 2016	Published	FCCC/TRR.2/GBR
United States of America	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016	Under preparation	–

*Abbreviations:* NA = not applicable, NC6 = sixth national communication.

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