



Information on the delay in submission of sixth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the delay in submission of sixth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. It includes information available as of 13 March 2014 and covers only information on Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Through decision 9/CP.16, Parties included in Annex I to the Convention were requested to submit their sixth national communications under the Convention by 1 January 2014 in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention. In accordance with decision 7/CMP.8, Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (Annex I Parties) shall include in their sixth national communications the necessary supplementary information required under the guidelines for reporting supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, as contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1.
3. The “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol” (as contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) stipulate that “If a Party included in Annex I expects difficulties with the timeliness of its national communication submission, it should inform the secretariat before the due date of the submission. If the national communication is not submitted within six weeks after the due date, the delay shall be brought to the attention of the COP/MOP and the Compliance Committee and made public” (para. 139).
4. By 14 February 2014, within six weeks after the due date, the secretariat had received sixth national communications from 34 Annex I Parties, of which 23 were submitted by due date, 1 January 2014¹. As at 14 February 2014, the secretariat had not received sixth national communications from seven Annex I Parties, namely: Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Malta, Monaco, Norway and Slovenia. As at the same date, the secretariat had received ten notifications by Annex I Parties expecting difficulties with the timeliness of their national communications submission.
5. By 13 March 2014, from seven Parties mentioned in paragraph 4 above, four have provided submissions of their sixth national communications, namely: Italy (20 February 2014), Iceland (7 March 2014), Ireland (7 March 2014) and Norway (10 March 2014). Submissions of three Parties (Malta, Monaco and Slovenia) are still pending. In response to the reminder sent by the secretariat regarding the submission due date, these Parties indicated that they are progressing in preparing their sixth national communications and that they expect their submissions in the first quarter of 2014.

¹ In contrast, only 16 Annex I Parties had submitted their fifth national communications by 1 January 2010.



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6. Information on the status of submission of the sixth national communications as at 13 March 2014 and information communicated to the secretariat as at 14 February 2014 on expected difficulties with the timeliness of submission of the sixth national communications is included in table 1.

Table 1. Submission of sixth national communications^a and notifications on difficulties with the timeliness of submission

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>NC6 received</i>	<i>Language of NC6</i>	<i>Notification of delay</i>	
			<i>Date of notification</i>	<i>Summary of notification provided by a Party</i>
Australia	8 Aug. 2013	English		
Austria	10 Feb. 2014	English	3 Feb. 2013	NC6 will be submitted within the first six weeks of 2014
Belarus	31 Dec. 2013	Russian		
Belgium	20 Dec. 2013	English		
Bulgaria	30 Dec. 2013	English		
Croatia	12 Feb. 2014	English	30 Dec. 2013	NC6 will be submitted by 12 February 2014, within six weeks of 2014
Cyprus	31 Dec. 2013	English		
Czech Republic	31 Jan. 2014	English	16 Dec. 2013	Submission of NC6 is expected by middle of January 2014
Denmark	3 Jan. 2014	English		No notification provided
Estonia	31 Dec. 2013	English		
European Union (28)	13 Jan. 2014	English		No notification provided
Finland	30 Dec. 2013	English		
France	25 Oct. 2013	French		
Germany	20 Dec. 2013	English		
Greece	31 Dec. 2013	English		
Hungary	8 Jan. 2014	English	31 Dec. 2013	Submission of NC6 is expected by the 6th of January 2014
Iceland	7 Mar. 2014	English		No notification provided
Ireland	7 Mar. 2014	English	23 Dec. 2013	Work in progress, submission of NC6 is expected as soon as possible
Italy	20 Feb. 2014	English	20 Dec. 2013	Submission of NC6 is expected with a slight delay
Japan	27 Dec. 2013	English		
Latvia	29 Dec. 2013	English		
Liechtenstein	23 Dec. 2013	English		
Lithuania	10 Jan. 2014	English		No notification provided
Luxembourg	21 Jan. 2014	English	14 Jan. 2014	Submission of NC6 is expected by the 15th of January 2014



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			<i>Date of notification</i>	<i>Summary of notification provided by a Party</i>
Malta	_____	English		No notification provided
Monaco	_____	English	17 Dec. 2013	Submission of NC6 is expected by 15 February 2014
Netherlands	30 Dec. 2013	English		
New Zealand	12 Dec. 2013	English		
Norway	10 Mar. 2014	English		No notification provided
Poland	7 Feb. 2014	English		No notification provided
Portugal	31 Dec. 2013	English		
Romania	19 Dec. 2013	English		
Russian Federation	30 Dec. 2013	Russian		
Slovakia	2 Jan. 2014	English		No notification provided
Slovenia	_____	English	8 Jan. 2014	Submission of NC6 is expected in February 2014
Spain	20 Dec. 2013	Spanish		
Sweden	20 Dec. 2013	English		
Switzerland	3 Feb. 2014	English	16 Dec. 2013	Submission of NC6 is expected after 1 January 2014
Turkey ^b	17 Dec. 2013	English		
Ukraine	30 Dec. 2013	Russian		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20 Dec. 2013	English		

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

^a As at 13 March 2014 ;

^a Turkey has submitted its fifth national communication.
