



Information on the delay in submission of fifth 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 fifth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties). It includes information available as of 18 February 2010 and covers only information on Annex I Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Through decision 10/CP.13, Annex I Parties were requested to submit their fifth national communications under the Convention by 1 January 2010 in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention. In accordance with decision 8/CMP.3, Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall include, in the fifth national communications submitted in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention and decision 10/CP.13, 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. 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. The secretariat, in its message to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol dated 2 November 2009, drew the attention of those Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that are included in Annex I to the Convention to the reports required under the Protocol during the first commitment period and their corresponding due dates. The secretariat also drew the attention of the Parties on the implications from the delays in the submission of the national communications under the Kyoto Protocol.¹
5. By 15 February 2010, the secretariat had received fifth national communications² from 33 Annex I Parties. As at this date, the secretariat had not received fifth national communications from seven Annex I Parties, namely Austria,³ Italy, Latvia, Monaco, Poland, Slovenia and Turkey. The secretariat received 17 notifications by Annex I Parties expecting difficulties with the timeliness of their national communication submission. The secretariat did not receive a fifth national communication within six weeks after the due

¹ This message is available at

<http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/021109_mtp_reports_annex_1.pdf>.

² The term “fifth national communications” in this document includes the first, second and third communications that were submitted in the period of time when the majority of Annex I Parties submitted their fifth national communication in accordance with decision 10/CP.13.

³ Austria submitted an advance version of its fifth national communication on 15 February 2010.



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date or information on difficulties with the timeliness of the submission of their national communications from three Parties, namely, Italy, Monaco and Poland.

6. Information on the date of submission of the fifth national communications and expected difficulties with the timeliness of submission of the fifth national communications communicated to the secretariat as at 18 February 2010 is included in Table 1.

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

Annex I Party	Communication received (date)	Language of communication	Notifications on difficulties with the timeliness	
			Date of submission	Comment
Australia	12 Feb. 2010	English	24 Dec. 2009	Plans to be able to deliver the NC5 very early in the new year
Austria ^b	16 Feb. 2010	English	27 Dec. 2009	Expects to submit the NC5 within the first six weeks of 2010
Belarus	30 Dec. 2009	Russian		
Belgium	4 Dec. 2009	English		
Bulgaria	12 Feb. 2010	English	22 Dec. 2009	Plans to fulfil its reporting obligations with the shortest possible delay
Canada	12 Feb. 2010	English	24 Dec. 2009	Plans to submitted NC5 by 12 February 2010
Croatia	12 Feb. 2010	English	29 Dec. 2009	Plans to submit the NC5 within the first six weeks of 2010
Czech Republic	30 Nov. 2009	English		
Denmark	31 Dec. 2009	English		
Estonia	12 Feb. 2010	English		
European Union	7 Dec. 2009	English		
Finland	23 Dec. 2009	English		
France	2 Dec. 2009	French		
Germany	14 Jan. 2010	English		
Greece	18 Jan. 2010	English		
Hungary	10 Dec. 2009	English		
Iceland	12 Feb. 2010	English	22 Dec. 2009	Aims to ensure that the delay will not exceed six weeks
Ireland	12 Feb. 2010	English	8 Feb. 2010	Informed the secretariat that the work on the NC5 is at an advanced stage and that it plans to submit it shortly
Italy				
Japan	21 Dec. 2009	English		
Latvia			9 Feb. 2010	Plans to submit before 31 March 2010
Liechtenstein	25 Jan. 2010	English	12 Jan. 2010	Plans to submit within the first three weeks of 2010
Lithuania	13 Feb. 2010	English	4 Feb. 2010	Plans to submit on 15 February 2010
Luxembourg	14 Feb. 2010	English	13 Jan. 2010	Plans to submit in February 2010



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Annex I Party	Communication received (date)	Language of communication	Notifications on difficulties with the timeliness	
			Date of submission	Comment
Monaco				
Netherlands	19 Dec. 2009	English		
New Zealand	23 Dec. 2009	English		
Norway	22 Jan. 2010	English	22 Dec. 2009	Plans to submit the NC5 as soon as possible in January 2010
Poland	16 Feb. 2010	English		
Portugal	30 Dec. 2009	English		
Romania	22 Jan. 2010	English		
Russian Federation	12 Feb. 2010	Russian	30 Dec. 2009	Plans to submit the NC5 after 1 January, as soon as possible
Slovakia	15 Feb. 2010	English	22 Dec. 2009	Plans to submit the NC5 no later than 15 February
Slovenia			15 Feb. 2010	Plans to submit the NC5 by end of February or in the first week of March
Spain	18 Dec. 2009	Spanish		
Sweden	4 Feb. 2010	English		
Switzerland	14 Dec. 2009	English		
Turkey			28 Dec. 2009	Plans to submit before the end of 2010
Ukraine	29 Dec. 2009	Russian		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 Jun. 2009	English		

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

^a See footnote 1.

^b See footnote 3.
