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Status report on the review of third national communications

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the summary report on in-depth reviews of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) (FCCC/CP/2004/INF.2) and the executive summary of the information on national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory data from Annex I Parties for the period 1990–2002 (FCCC/CP/2004/5). The SBI noted with appreciation the high quality of these documents, which help in the review of the implementation of the Convention by Annex I Parties and in sharing experiences among Parties. The SBI noted that such documents should also include additional information on ‘net’ GHG emissions.
2. The SBI took note of the status of the submission of national communications and their in-depth reviews (FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.9) and concluded that the third cycle of in-depth reviews contributed to the efficient and transparent assessment of the implementation of the Convention by Annex I Parties.
3. The SBI noted that total GHG emissions of Annex I Parties, as summarized in documents FCCC/CP/2004/5 and FCCC/CP/2004/INF.2, decreased by 6.3 per cent from 1990 to 2002, although GHG emissions from some of these Parties have increased since 1990 and emissions have grown considerably in some sectors, such as transport (an increase of about 20 per cent from 1990 to 2002) and international aviation (an increase of more than 40 per cent from 1990 to 2002). The SBI observed that total GHG emissions from Annex I Parties as a whole remained relatively stable between 2000 and 2002.
4. The SBI also noted that the most recent GHG emission projections, summarized in document FCCC/CP/2004/INF.2, suggest that between 2000 and 2010 total GHG emissions of Annex I Parties could increase by about 13 per cent, despite the mitigation measures currently in place. The SBI urged Annex I Parties to make additional efforts to reverse this trend.

5. The SBI took note of the report on the workshop on the preparation of fourth national communications from Annex I Parties, held in Dublin, Ireland, on 30 September and 1 October 2004 (FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.14). The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of Ireland for hosting the workshop. The SBI considered the exchange of experiences and good practices offered by the workshop to be useful and encouraged Annex I Parties to take the report of this workshop and the report on the workshop on emission projections from Annex I Parties (FCCC/SBSTA/2004/INF.15) into consideration when preparing their national communications.

6. The SBI emphasized the importance of timely submission of the national communications due by 1 January 2006 (decision 4/CP.8). It recalled that Annex I Parties that have ratified the Kyoto Protocol shall also include in that national communication supplementary information under Article 7.2 of the Kyoto Protocol. The SBI also recalled decision 22/CP.7 and 25/CP.8 urging Annex I Parties which have ratified the Kyoto Protocol to submit, by 1 January 2006, a report demonstrating the progress they have made in achieving their commitments under the Protocol.

7. The SBI further recalled that draft decision -/CMP.1 (*Modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts*) attached to decision 19/CP.7 requires Annex I Parties with a commitment inscribed in Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to submit, before 1 January 2007 or one year after the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol for that Party (whichever is later), a report on the calculation of its assigned amount pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 and 8, and its capacity to account for its emissions and assigned amount. The SBI urged those Parties to inform the secretariat, by 1 April 2005, when they intend to submit their reports.

8. The SBI noted that the national communications and the reports mentioned in paragraph 7 will be subject to review. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a note, for consideration at its twenty-third session (November 2005), on options for streamlining these review processes, in order to avoid possible duplication of effort and ensure efficient use of available resources.
