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Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of fifth national communications (NC5s) under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 1 November 2010.
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 39 NC5s. All national communications received so far have been posted on the UNFCCC website.¹
4. On reviews under the Convention, in accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 33/CP.7 and 4/CP.8, national communications from Annex I Parties are subject to in-depth review. For the review of the previous fourth national communications submitted by Annex I Parties, in accordance with decision 7/CP.11, in-country, in-depth reviews of these national communications were organized by the secretariat for those Parties that requested such a review. Two Parties requested such a review, namely Australia and the United States of America. In accordance with the same decision, centralized reviews of fourth national communications were organized for the remaining Annex I Parties.²
5. On reviews under the Kyoto Protocol, the guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) specify that each

¹ <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/4903.php>.

² <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/idr_reports/items/4056.php>.

national communication submitted by a Party included in Annex I shall be subject to a scheduled in-country review. This in-depth review encompasses the review of both the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol and 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. In accordance with these guidelines, the expert review teams shall make every effort to complete the individual review of national communications within two years of their submission.

6. The secretariat has organized 13 in-depth reviews of NC5s in 2010, and is planning to organize the remaining in-depth reviews of NC5s within two years of their submission, subject to the availability of resources.

7. By the time of preparation of this note, between March and October 2010, the secretariat had coordinated 11 in-country reviews of NC5s, namely for: Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The reviews of the NC5s of Japan and Sweden are scheduled for 8–13 November 2010. While the remaining reviews are planned for 2011, coordinating such a large number of reviews might not be possible, owing mainly to the difficulty of scheduling the reviews stemming from the large number of other meetings convened under the UNFCCC process and to resource constraints.

Submission of fifth³ national communications, review dates and status of the preparation of the review reports as at 1 November 2010

<i>Party</i>	<i>National communication received (date)</i>	<i>Language of communication</i>	<i>Review dates^a</i>	<i>Status of review report^b</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>
Australia	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Austria	16 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Belarus ^c	30 Dec. 09	Russian, English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Belgium	4 Dec. 09	English, French	Planned for 2011	-	-
Bulgaria	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Canada	12 Feb. 10	English, French	Planned for 2011	-	-
Croatia	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
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	Planned for 2011	-	-
European Union	7 Dec. 09	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Finland	23 Dec. 09	English	3–8 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/FIN
France	2 Dec. 09	French, abstract in English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Germany	14 Jan. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Greece	18 Jan. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Hungary	10 Dec. 09	English	18–23 Oct. 2010	Under preparation	-
Iceland	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Ireland	12 Feb. 10	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/IRL
Italy	17 Mar. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Japan	21 Dec. 09	English	Scheduled for 8–13 Nov. 2010	-	-
Latvia	16 Mar. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Liechtenstein	25 Jan. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Lithuania	13 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Luxembourg (NC2, 3, 4 and 5)	14 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Monaco	Not received	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	19 Dec. 09	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
New Zealand	23 Dec. 09	English	23–28 Aug. 2010	Under preparation	-

³ The term “fifth national communications” includes the second, third and fourth national communications that were submitted during the period of time when the majority of Annex I Parties submitted their fifth national communication in accordance with decision 10/CP.13.

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Norway	22 Jan. 10	English	10–15 May 2010	Under preparation	
Poland	16 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011		
Portugal	30 Dec. 09	English	26 April to 1 May 2010	Under preparation	
Romania	22 Jan. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Russian Federation	12 Feb. 10	Russian	Planned for 2011	-	-
Slovakia	15 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Slovenia	6 Apr. 10	English	Planned for 2011	-	-
Spain	18 Dec. 09	Spanish	18–23 Oct. 2010	Under preparation	-
Sweden	4 Feb. 10	English	Scheduled for 8–13 Nov. 2010		-
Switzerland	14 Dec. 09	English	17–22 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CHE
Turkey ^d	Not received	-	-	-	-
Ukraine (NC3, 4 and 5)	29 Dec. 09	Russian	Planned for 2011	-	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 June 09	English	1–5 Mar. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/GBR
United States of America ^e	28 May 2010	English	Planned for 2011	-	-

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

^a 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.

^b 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>.

^c The quantified emission reduction commitment for Belarus in Annex B (92 per cent) was established through an amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol (decision 10/CMP.2). As at 1 November 2010, this amendment had not yet entered into force.

^d Turkey, a Party included in Annex I to the Convention, does not have a commitment inscribed in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol.

^e United States of America is not a Party to the Kyoto Protocol.