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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 26 April 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 41 BR2s and 41 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 13 Annex I Parties submitted their BR2s and 12 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 parts of the BR2s of Luxembourg, Monaco and Ukraine, as well as the CTF tables of Canada, Monaco and Ukraine, have not been submitted.¹ All BR2s and CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.² The dates of submission of the BR2s and the CTF tables are presented in the table below.

¹ Canada informed the secretariat on 18 January 2016 about its intention to submit its CTF tables in the coming weeks. Luxembourg informed the secretariat on 15 January 2016 about its intention to submit its BR2 by 15 January 2016. Monaco informed the secretariat on 6 January 2016 about its intention to submit its BR2 and CTF tables by the end of March 2016 and Ukraine informed the secretariat on 31 December 2015 that the delay in the submission is caused by the national circumstances and that it plans to submit its BR2 and CTF tables by 15 April 2016.



5. The secretariat received the sixth national communication (NC6) of Turkey on 5 April 2016.³

6. The COP, by decisions 23/CP.19 and 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) and decided to use these guidelines for the review of BR2s starting in 2016 and for subsequent reviews of BRs and national communications until any revisions are decided upon by the COP.

7. As at 26 April 2016, the secretariat had coordinated six centralized reviews, covering the BR2s of 24 Annex I Parties, namely Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The dates of the reviews are presented in the table below.

8. Centralized reviews of the remaining 20 BR2s are planned for May–June 2016. The review of the NC6 of Turkey is envisaged to take place in conjunction with the review of its first and second biennial reports.⁴

9. The delay in the submission of the BR2s and corresponding CTF tables (see para. 4 above) hampers the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the reviews and multilateral assessment. Further delay in the submission of the remaining BR2s will lead to the deferral of the planned reviews for the Parties concerned. Deferral of the reviews will not allow the expert review teams to complete the reviews within the timeline set in decision 13/CP.20.⁵

10. Multilateral assessment for 44 Annex I Parties, based on the technical reviews of their BRs, is planned for the forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, after which the summary reports on the multilateral assessment for these Parties will be published.

Dates of submission of second biennial reports and status of review reports as at 26 April 2016

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>Second biennial report received (date)</i>	<i>Common tabular format tables received (date)</i>	<i>Language of submissions</i>	<i>Date of centralized review week</i>
Australia	23 Dec. 2015	23 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
Austria	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
Belarus	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	Russian	30 May to 4 June 2016
Belgium	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016

² <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/submitted_biennial_reports/items/7550.php>.

³ Available at <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/7742.php>.

⁴ Paragraph 20 of the UNFCCC review guidelines (decision 13/CP.20, annex) 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 and national circumstances. The in-country review of the fifth national communication of Turkey, coordinated by the secretariat, took place from 20 to 25 April 2015.

⁵ Paragraph 107 of the UNFCCC review guidelines (decision 13/CP.20, annex) notes that the expert review team shall make every effort to complete the individual review of BRs within 15 months of the due date of their submission.

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>Second biennial report received (date)</i>	<i>Common tabular format tables received (date)</i>	<i>Language of submissions</i>	<i>Date of centralized review week</i>
Bulgaria	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
Canada	10 Feb. 2016	Not yet received	English and French	6–11 June 2016
Croatia	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Cyprus	15 Feb. 2016 22 Apr. 2016 (revised)	15 Feb. 2016	English	6–11 June 2016
Czech Republic	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015 14 March 2016 (revised)	English	14–19 March 2016
Denmark	12 Jan. 2016	12 Jan. 2016 3 March 2016 (revised)	English	7–12 March 2016
Estonia	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
European Union	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Finland	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
France	18 Dec. 2015	18 Dec. 2015	English and French	30 May to 4 June 2016
Germany	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Greece	29 March 2016	17 March 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Hungary	5 Feb. 2016	5 Feb. 2016	English	14–19 March 2016
Iceland	2 March 2016	2 March 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Ireland	19 Jan. 2016	19 Jan. 2016	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Italy	23 Dec. 2015	23 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
Japan	28 Dec. 2015	28 Dec. 2015	English	6–11 June 2016
Kazakhstan	16 Feb. 2016	16 Feb. 2016 16 March 2016 (revised)	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Latvia	30 Dec. 2015 11 March 2016 (revised)	30 Dec. 2015 11 March 2016 (revised)	English	7–12 March 2016
Liechtenstein	7 Jan. 2016	31 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Lithuania	31 Dec. 2015 4 Feb. 2016 (revised)	31 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Luxembourg	Not yet received	10 Feb. 2016	English	6–11 June 2016

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Malta	7 Jan. 2016	7 Jan. 2016	English	7–12 March 2016
Monaco	Not yet received	Not yet received	NA	30 May to 4 June 2016 ^a
Netherlands	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
New Zealand	17 Dec. 2015	17 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Norway	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
		6 Jan 2016 (revised)		
Poland	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
		8 Jan. 2016 (revised)		
Portugal	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016
Romania	29 Dec. 2015	29 Dec. 2015	English	6–11 June 2016
Russian Federation	30 Dec. 2015	30 Dec. 2015	Russian	30 May to 4 June 2016
Slovakia	18 Dec. 2015	15 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
		16 Dec. 2015 (revised)		
Slovenia	16 March 2016	1 March 2016	English	6–11 June 2016
Spain	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	Spanish	6–11 June 2016
Sweden	22 Dec. 2015	22 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Switzerland	21 Dec. 2015	21 Dec. 2015	English	7–12 March 2016
Turkey	29 Jan. 2016	29 Jan. 2016	English	6–11 June 2016
	8 March 2016 (revised)			
Turkey (NC6) ^b	5 Apr. 2016	NA	English	6–11 June 2016
Ukraine	Not yet received	Not yet received	NA	30 May to 4 June 2016 ^a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18 Dec. 2015	18 Dec. 2015	English	14–19 March 2016
United States of America	31 Dec. 2015	31 Dec. 2015	English	30 May to 4 June 2016

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

^a The dates for the reviews of the second biennial report (BR2) of Monaco and Ukraine are tentative and are subject to submission of the BR2s.

^b Available at <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/7742.php>.