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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS AND
OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED
IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their eleventh sessions, decided to recommend jointly the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session:

Draft decision -CP.5

**Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties
included in Annex I to the Convention, Part II: UNFCCC reporting
guidelines on national communications**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular Articles 4, 6, 7.2, 9.2(b), 10.2, and 12 thereof,

Recalling its decisions 9/CP.2 and 11/CP.4 on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties),

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

Noting that the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention annexed to decision 9/CP.2 need to be updated to improve the transparency, consistency, comparability, completeness and accuracy of the information reported,

1. *Adopts* the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications, contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/L.3/Add.1;

2. *Decides* that Annex I Parties should use part II of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines for the preparation of their third national communications due by 30 November 2001, in accordance with decision 11/CP.4;

3. *Requests* Annex I Parties to provide a detailed report on their activities in relation to systematic observation, in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems adopted by decision 9/CP.5,¹ in conjunction with their national communications;

4. *Urges* those Annex I Parties that have not submitted their first or second national communication, including those that were included in Annex I by decision 4/CP.3, to do so as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* Parties included in Annex II to the Convention to assist Annex I Parties with economies in transition, through appropriate bilateral or multilateral channels, with technical aspects in the preparation of national communications.

¹ Draft decision recommended to COP 5 on UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems (FCCC/CP/1999/L.4 and Add.1).