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Question by United States of America

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: PAMS estimates

Could you explain how you calculated the mitigation impacts of the PaMs for 2020 in CTF table 3, and the challenges in providing estimates for those PAMs for which estimates are not reported?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by Canada

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Projections - with measures and with additional measures methods

Regarding Russia’s projections, from our understanding, there is a difference in expected levels of energy production between the ‘With Measures’ scenario and the ‘With Additional Measures’, since additional measures targeting energy efficiency lead to less domestic consumption of energy products, while keeping the exports of energy products at the same level between the two scenarios. Could you elaborate on how much the production differs between the two scenarios, and what are expected emissions reductions due to lower production within the ‘With Additional Measures’ scenario?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by Canada

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Projections

What models are used to develop projections and scenarios in the different sectors? Were the models Prognoz-2036 and SCANNER the two models that were used for all of the sectors, with the exception of the LULUCF sector (which was modeled in the CBM-CFS3)?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

[Question by Canada](#)

Category: All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Share of emissions from oil and gas

What is the share of emissions of the oil and gas sector in Russia's total emissions, and what are the measures taken by the Russian Federation to reduce emissions from the oil and gas sector, in particular to reduce venting and fugitive emissions of methane? What are measures taken by the Russian Federation to reduce fugitive methane emissions from pipelines?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

[Question by United States of America](#)

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Energy sector emissions

Could you explain how the expected reduction in energy intensity by 1.5 percent per year will compare to the expected increases in Russian energy consumption?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

[Question by United States of America](#)

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Self-assessment of compliance

How will you continue to self-assess on compliance after the 2020 expiration of the presidential decree 961 of 19 December 2009?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

[Question by United States of America](#)

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Qualitative measure of progress

Could you explain how you measure climate mitigation progress qualitatively and what lessons you have learned in refining this process?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by Canada

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Impact of COVID-19 and mitigation policy

Looking back at the last year and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, what have you learned or experienced that may impact the design of mitigation policies going forward? What lessons could other countries learn from your experience?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by European Union

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Enhancement of energy efficiency

In 2018, the ‘Integrated Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Enhancement’ was approved, which aims at reducing the energy intensity (per gross domestic product) by at least 1.5 % per year. In chapter 4.B of its Fourth Biennial Report, the Russian Federation explains that this plan provides for a combination of administrative measures, incentives, information and methodological support. Which of these types of measures are expected to have the largest effect on the improvement of energy efficiency?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by European Union

Category: All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Methane emissions reduction in the energy sector

The Russian Federation provided projected emissions and removals in a ‘with existing measures’

(WEM) scenario and a ‘with additional measures’ (WAM) scenario. Emissions of methane in the energy sector are projected to increase in the WEM scenario, while in the WAM scenario they are projected to fall below current levels by 2030, and approx. 15 % below WEM levels (Table V.5). Which additional policies and measures are the cause of this reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by European Union

Category: All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Emissions in the target year

In the Fourth Biennial Report of the Russian Federation, which was submitted in December 2019, greenhouse gas emissions (without LULUCF) were projected to be approx. 2.1 Gt CO_2 eq in the target year 2020, amounting to a reduction of 32 % compared to 1990 levels. Now that the year 2020 has passed, could you provide an updated estimate of greenhouse gas emissions in that year? Which were the main factors that affected changes in emissions in that year?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Federal and regional reporting

The Technical Review Report highlights that the Russian Federation receives reporting information from federal and regional entities on the implementation of climate-related policies and measures. Can Russia share more on how the Russian Federation engages federal and regional entities, and any opportunities and challenges that come from having devolved institutions?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by New Zealand

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Renewable energy uptake

Improvements in energy production and supply and investments in renewable energy are listed in Russia's BR4 as being the main drivers of greenhouse gas reductions in the energy sector. New Zealand is interested to know whether Russia has implemented any additional policies to those discussed in the BR4 to incentivise renewable energy uptake and if so, what they are?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by Switzerland

Category: All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Absorptive capacity of forests

Given the strong impact of climate change already observed in Russian Arctic and Sub-Arctic regions, what is Russia's assessment of the implications for the absorptive capacity of forests and their carbon balance by 2050 compared to today?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

Question by Switzerland

Category: All emissions and removals related to its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Fugitive emissions in the energy sector

When comparing Tables 2 in the review report on Russia's BR3 with the review report on Russia's BR4, we have noticed that methane emissions have changed considerably between the two submissions. The review report notes that this was due to newly developed national CH4 emission factors used for estimating fugitive emissions in the energy sector.

(i) Could Russia elaborate on the circumstances that have led to the abandonment of the previously used and the adoption of the newly used emission factors?

(ii) Has there been an assessment of the old vs the newly used emission factors against emission factors available in the IPCC Emission Factor Database or other authoritative sources?

Answer by Russian Federation – pending

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