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# Revised guidelines for reporting of national communications by Annex I Parties: Implications and challenges

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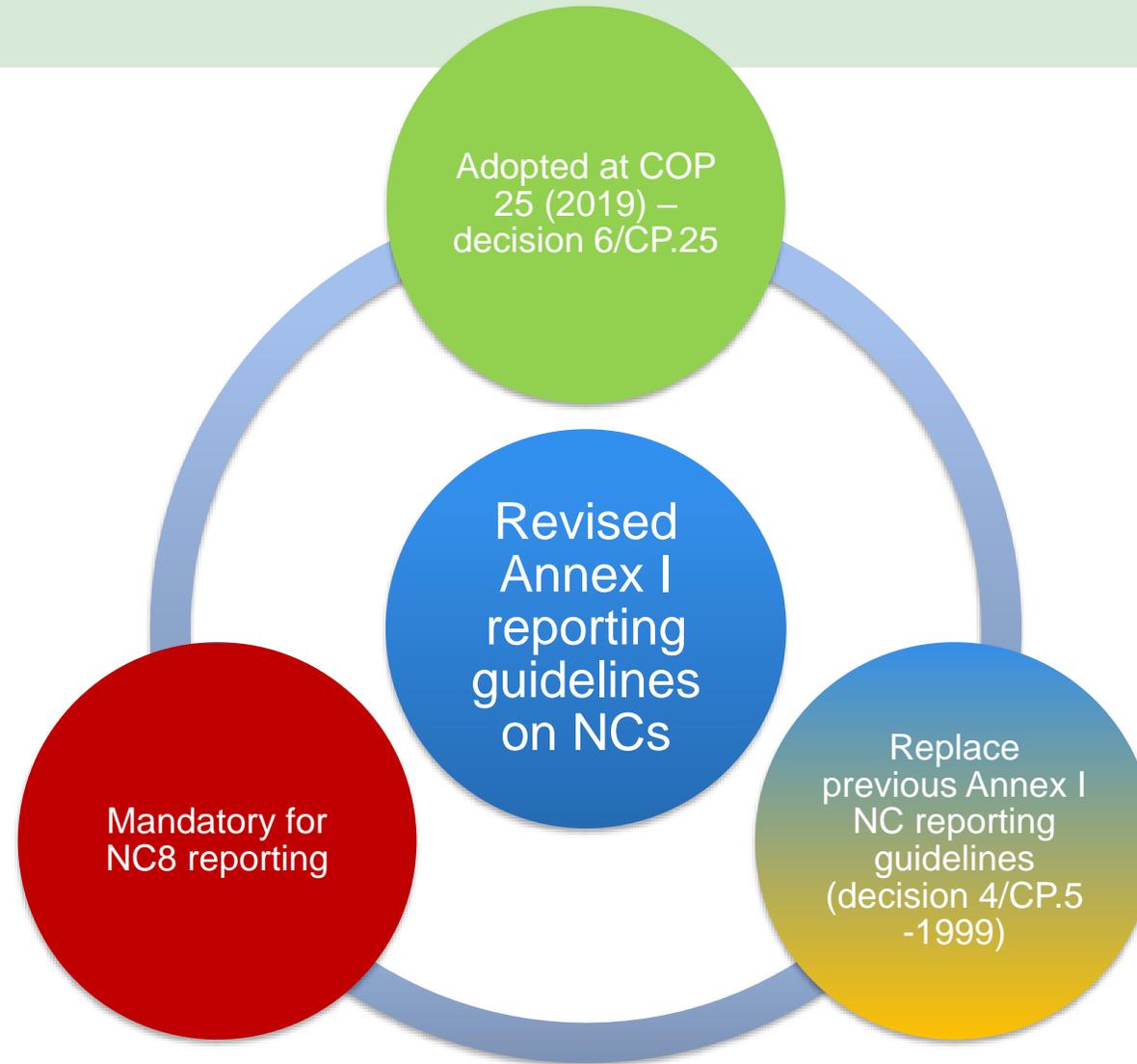


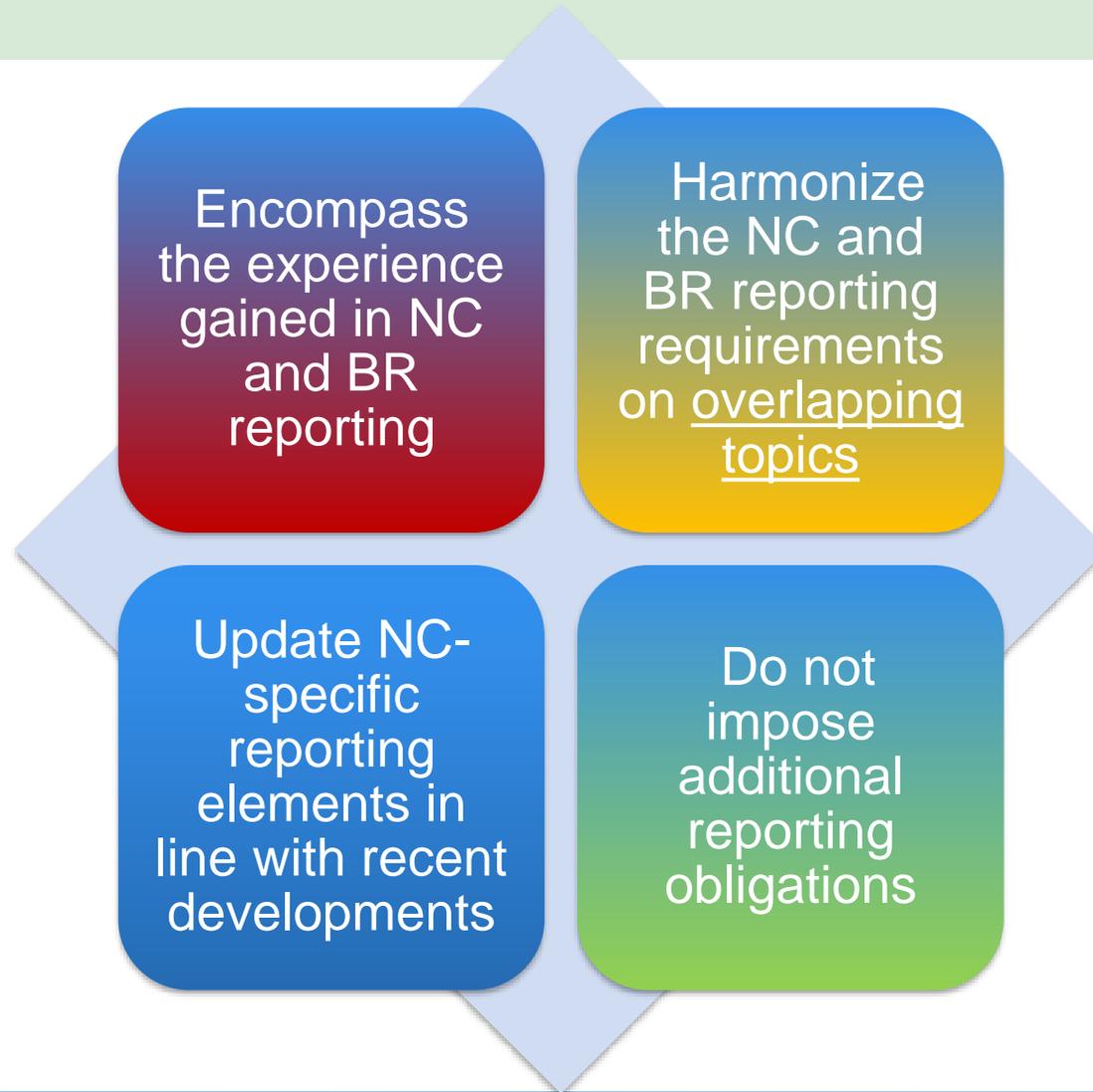
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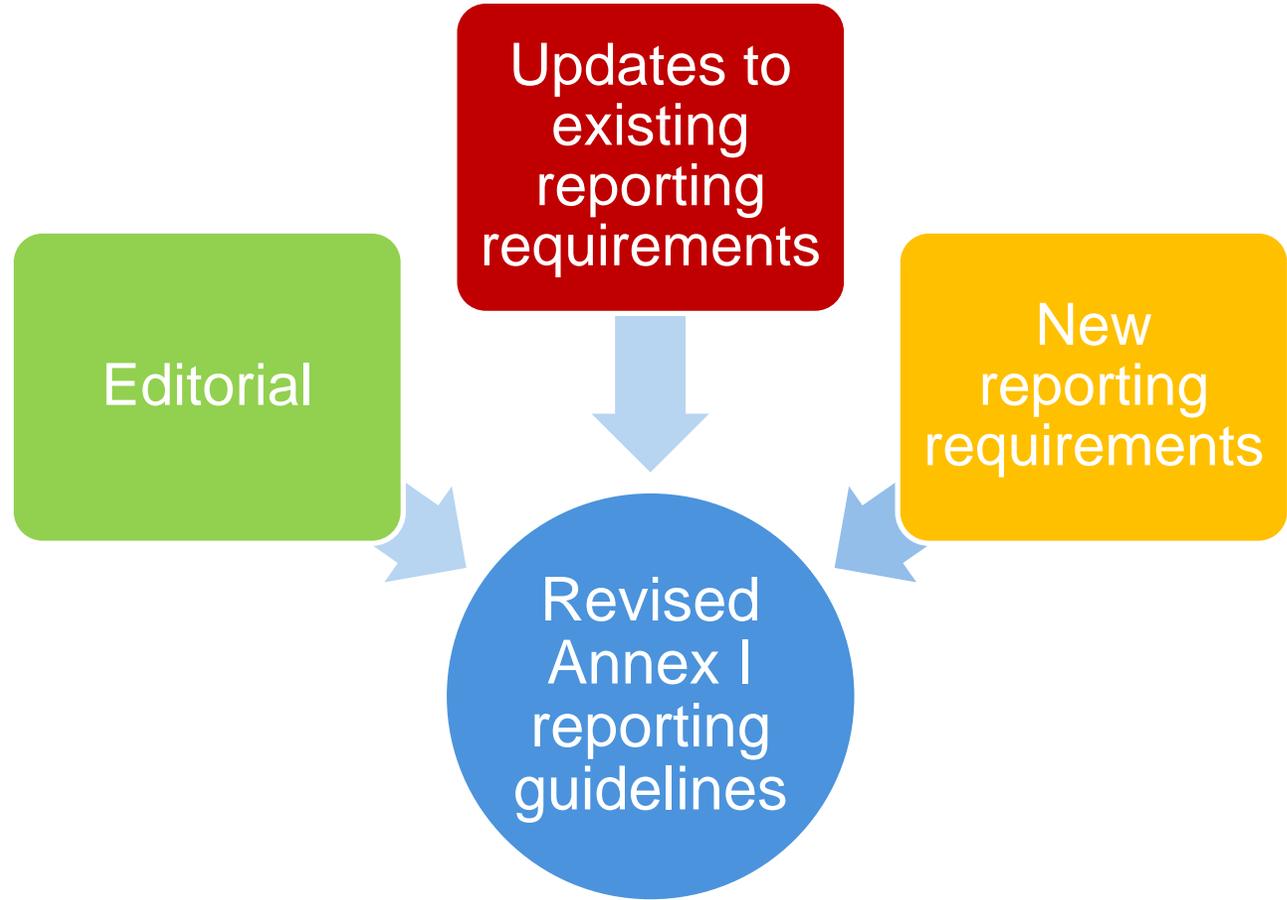
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# Comparison between the previous and revised Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs and BR reporting requirements



# Cross-cutting sections and NC-specific reporting elements



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## Cross-cutting elements

- Only electronic submission
- Not mandatory to provide English language translation
- Annexes treated as part of NC

## National circumstances relevant to greenhouse gas emissions and removals

- Editorial/reordering of some bullets (economic profile moved before geographical profile)

## Vulnerability assessment, climate change impacts and adaptation measures

- Encouragement to use and reference ***relevant methodologies and guidance*** for assessing climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation measures instead of IPCC GLs/UNEP Handbook (update)

## Research and systematic observations

- Revisions of the list of organization for international activities (update)
- Guidance on reporting summary information on GCOS activities changed to ***revised UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems*** (update)
- *Cryosphere climate observing systems added as a reporting element on systematic observation* (new)

## Education, training and public awareness

- *Monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention* added as a new reporting element (new)



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- Reference to **revised GHG inventory reporting guidelines** (24/CP.19) instead of previous GHG inventory reporting guidelines (4/CP.5) **(update)**
- The last year of inventory time series changed to **latest year reported in the most recent annual inventory submission available** from *last but one year prior to the year of submission of the national communication* (para 5) **(update) – BR reporting GLs**
- Parties may elect to replicate the information reported in the BR submitted with the NC (para. 6) **(new)**
- Summary information required on national inventory arrangements as per GHG inventory reporting guidelines and changes therein since last NC/BR (para. 8) **(new) – BR reporting GLs**

No new reporting obligations as compared to BR reporting requirements

- NF3 was added to the list of GHGs affected required to be used for organizing PaMs (para. 14) **(update) – BR reporting GLs**
- An encouragement to provide, ***to the extent possible, assessment of the economic and social consequences of response measures*** added (para. 19) **(new) – BR reporting GLs**
- New items added to list of information elements on PaMs (e.g. start year, mitigation impact) (para. 19) **(update) – BR reporting GLs**
- Year for which the estimation of effects of mitigation actions should be presented changed to ***particular year, ending in either a zero or a five, following the most recent inventory year*** from *particular year such as 1995, 2000 and 2005 not for a period of years* (para. 20) – **(update)**
- Table 1 revised to ensure consistency with BR CTF table 3 **(update) – BR reporting GLs**

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# Chapters common to Annex I NC and BR reporting guidelines - Projections and aggregate effect of policies and measures



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- A non-mandatory requirement (“may”) to ***provide the results of sensitivity analysis for the reported GHG emissions together with a brief explanation of the methodologies and parameters used*** added (para 27) (update)
- A reference to the ***most recent annual inventory submission available*** in relation to presentation of projections relative to unadjusted inventory data added (para 30) (new)
- The starting point for WEM/WAM projections changed to ***most recent inventory year*** from *latest year for which inventory data are available in the national communication* (para. 29) (update)
- Starting point for the WOM projections changed to ***an earlier year*** from *1995 or an earlier year such as 1990 or another base year* (para 29) (update)
- A non-mandatory (“should”) requirement to use the sectoral categories for reporting projections, ***to the extent possible, consistent with GHG inventories*** (rather than PaMs) (para 31) (update)

Minimal new reporting obligations as compared to previous NC reporting requirements



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# Chapters common to Annex I NC and BR reporting guidelines - Projections and aggregate effect of policies and measures (2)



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- Historical emissions and removals should be presented for **1990 (and another base year, as appropriate), 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and subsequent years that end in either a zero or a five up to the most recent inventory year** in place of *for the period 1990 to 2000 or the latest year available* (para 34) (update)
- Projections should be starting from **the most recent inventory year and for subsequent years that end in either a zero or a five, extending at least 15 years from the most recent inventory year (e.g. 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2035)** in place of *for the years 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020* (para 34) (update)
- The total effects of PaMs shall be presented **in the most recent inventory year and in subsequent years that end in either a zero or a five, extending at least 15 years from the most recent inventory year (not cumulative savings)** in place of *in 1995 and 2000, and should also be presented for 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020 (not cumulative savings)* (para 37) (update)

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- Revised text on finance (paras. 52-54) and technology transfer (paras. 57-58) **(update)**  
– **BR reporting GLs**
- New requirements to report on: **tracking of flows** (para 49); **methodology for tracking support** (para 50), **effectively addressing non-Annex I Parties' needs** (para 51); **private investment and types of instrument** (para 55-56), **capacity building** (para 59); **and new elements information included in the tables** (paras 52-53) **(new)** – **BR reporting GLs**
- Revised tables on finance and technology transfer **(update)** – **BR reporting GLs**
- New table 11 on capacity building **(new)** – **BR reporting GLs**

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# NC reporting in the context of reporting under the enhanced transparency framework of the Paris Agreement



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- Parties to Paris Agreement (PA) are required to submit a biennial transparency report (BTR) every two years as per the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF)
- The MPGs will supersede reporting of BR for PA Parties, but will not replace the NC reporting guidelines for Annex I Parties under the Convention (decision 1/CP.24)
- Parties to PA may submit their NC and BTR as a single report (decision 1/CP.24)
- Parties thus have the option to report the two documents (NCs and BR/BTR) as one document addressing all the reporting requirements
- A potentially convenient way of reporting NC and BTR as a single report is by updating the BTR every second year, and adding the extra chapters for the NCs every fourth year





- The changes pursuant to the revised Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs will have implications for the reviews of eighth NCs in terms of both substance as well as the tools used for the review process
- Secretariat will need to revise the tools and templates used for the reviews of NC8/BR5 including review report template, checklist and RPG, to ensure consistency with the revised Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs



- The Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs have been revised essentially to align them the BR reporting guidelines and to update them based on the latest developments and the experience gained in NC and BR reporting over the last two decades
- There are almost no new reporting requirements in the revised NC reporting guidelines regarding the information required to be reported in both the NCs and BRs as compared to the BR reporting requirements
- In addition, there are minimal changes as compared to previous Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs regarding the NC-specific reporting elements
- The revisions to the Annex I reporting guidelines on NCs do not impose any significant extra reporting obligations on Parties, but are focused instead on facilitating reporting by aligning and streamlining the NCs and BRs reporting requirements



- The LRs took note of the changes in reporting requirements to be implemented by Parties for reporting the 8<sup>th</sup> NCs, following the revised UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications.
- The LRs request the secretariat to update the relevant tools to be used for the reviews of 8<sup>th</sup> NCs (e.g. review report template, checklist and RPG) consistent with the revised UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications.





Thank you for your attention!

