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Annual report of the Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Note by the secretariat

1. Under section XII(b) of the “Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol” (annex to decision 27/CMP.1), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol is to consider the reports of the plenary of the Compliance Committee on the progress of its work.
2. The attached draft is presented to the plenary for its consideration. The plenary will note that some paragraphs may be added or modified based on discussions at its seventeenth meeting.



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Summary

The thirteenth annual report of the Compliance Committee to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol covers activities undertaken from 9 September 2017 to 31 August 2018. The report provides a summary of the continued consideration by the facilitative branch of its role in providing advice and facilitation [*to be completed after the meeting of the plenary*], the consideration by the enforcement branch of the question of implementation with regard to compliance by Monaco and the discussions of the plenary of the Compliance Committee [*to be completed after adoption by the plenary of the report*].

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. In accordance with section III, paragraph 2(a), of the “Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol” (annex to decision 27/CMP.1; hereinafter referred to as the procedures and mechanisms), the plenary of the Compliance Committee (hereinafter referred to as the plenary) is to report on the activities of the Compliance Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) to each ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).

B. Scope of the report

2. The thirteenth annual report of the Committee covers the period from 9 September 2017 to 31 August 2018. It summarizes the work of and matters addressed by the Committee during that period.

C. Possible action to be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. According to section XII of the procedures and mechanisms, the CMP is to consider the annual report of the Committee.

4. The CMP may also wish:

(a) To invite the President of the CMP to undertake consultations on the nomination of members and alternate members of the Committee, as necessary (see paras. XX–XX below);

(b) To invite Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in order to support the work of the Committee in the biennium 2018–2019;

(c) *[To be completed based on discussions at the 20th meeting of the plenary]*

II. Organizational matters

5. During the reporting period, the enforcement branch met twice, for its 31st meeting (in Bonn on 29 – 30 May 2018) and its 32nd meeting (in Bangkok from 29 – 30 August 2018); the facilitative branch met once, for its 21st meeting (in Bangkok from 29 – 30 August 2018).

6. The 20th meeting of the plenary was held on 30 and 31 August 2018 in Bangkok.

7. The agenda and annotations, documentation supporting agenda items and the Chairs’ report for each meeting of the plenary and of the facilitative and enforcement branches are available on the UNFCCC website.¹

¹ <https://unfccc.int/compliance-committee-bodies-page>.

A. Election of the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the enforcement and facilitative branches of the Compliance Committee .

8. In accordance with section II, paragraph 4, of the procedures and mechanisms, on 26 March 2018, relying on decision-making by electronic means, the facilitative branch elected Ms. Emanuela Sardellitti as chairperson and Mr. Mamadou Diobe Gueye as vice-chairperson. On the same date, the enforcement branch elected Mr. Joseph Aitaro as chairperson and Mr. Milan Zvara as vice-chairperson. These chairpersons and vice-chairpersons constitute the new bureau of the Committee.

B. Membership of the Compliance Committee

9. The plenary wants to draw the attention of the CMP to the remaining five vacancies in the membership of the Committee. It requests the CMP, at its next session, to fill the remaining vacancies by electing a member and an alternate member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries and an alternate member from Parties not included in Annex I to serve on the facilitative branch and a member and an alternate member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries to serve on the enforcement branch for the remainder of their respective terms until 31 December 2021.

10. The plenary expressed its hope that Parties will keep in mind the issue of gender balance when making nominations for membership of the Committee.

C. Transparency, communication and information

11. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the plenary and of the facilitative and enforcement branches held in the reporting period were recorded and broadcast on the UNFCCC website, with the exception of the parts of those meetings that were held in private, in accordance with the same rule.

12. In accordance with rule 12, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, all documents of the plenary and of the enforcement and facilitative branches have been made available to the public on the UNFCCC website.²

D. Use of electronic means in decision-making

13. Pursuant to rule 11, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, the Committee may elaborate and take decisions using electronic means. In addition, the bureau of the Committee used electronic means to take a decision on the allocation of the questions of implementation with respect to Monaco. The enforcement branch also used electronic means to take a decision on preliminary examination with respect to Monaco.

² Documents relating to the plenary are available at <http://unfccc.int/3788.php>; documents relating to the facilitative branch are available at <http://unfccc.int/3786.php>; and documents relating to the enforcement branch are available at <http://unfccc.int/3785.php>.

III. Work undertaken in the reporting period

A. Activities of the plenary

1. Reports of expert review teams under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol and other information received by the plenary

14. In accordance with section VI, paragraph 3, of the procedures and mechanisms, and decision 22/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 49, the secretariat forwarded to the Committee the following reports:

(a) [Reports on the individual reviews of the annual submissions submitted in 2015 of the following Parties: Cyprus, European Union, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Lichtenstein;

(b) Reports on the individual reviews of the annual submissions submitted in 2016 of the following Parties: Portugal, Cyprus, Czechia, European Union, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Russian Federation;

(c) Reports on the individual reviews of the annual submissions submitted in 2017 of the following Parties: Australia, Cyprus, Czechia, France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine;

(d) Reports on the reviews of the reports to facilitate the calculation of the assigned amount for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol of the following Parties: Cyprus, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Liechtenstein;

(e) Status reports of the annual inventories in 2018 of the following Parties: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia;

(f) Reports of the technical reviews of the seventh national communications (NC7s) submitted in 2017 by Czechia, Estonia, European Union, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, and Slovakia.

15. At its 20th meeting, the [plenary noted the information provided to it by the secretariat on the status of submission and review of reports under the Kyoto Protocol].

B. Activities of the enforcement branch

16. In the previous reporting period, the enforcement branch considered a question of implementation with respect to Monaco.

17. *[To be completed based on discussions at the 20th meeting of the plenary].*

C. Activities of the facilitative branch

18. At its 20th meeting, the facilitative branch continued its consideration of how it can provide advice and facilitation to Parties.

19. *[To be completed based on discussions at the 20th meeting of the plenary].*

D. Budget for the work of the Compliance Committee

20. For the biennium 2018–2019, an estimated EUR 705,300 from the overall Legal Affairs programme core budget has been allocated for activities related to the Committee.³ In addition, EUR 447,480 was approved under the item “Support to the Compliance Committee” of the resource requirements of the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities. A number of mandated activities have been included in the budget under the resource requirements of the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in order to reduce the overall core budget (including one out of four mandated meetings of the Committee and the costs for translation of official documents into the official language of the United Nations). As at 1 August 2018, no contributions had been received for the biennium in the trust fund.

21. The Committee requests the CMP to invite Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for the biennium 2016–2017 to support the work of the Compliance Committee.

³ This amount does not include secretariat-wide operating costs, programme support costs (overheads) or working capital reserve, as defined in decision 27/CP.19.

Annex

Decisions taken by the enforcement branch of the Compliance Committee during the reporting period

Monaco

<i>Title</i>	<i>Compliance Committee document number</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision on preliminary examination with respect to Monaco	CC-2018-1-2/Monaco/EB	19 April 2018
Decision on preliminary findings with respect to Monaco	CC-2018-1-3/Monaco/EB	30 May 2018

[To be completed based on discussions at the 19th meeting of the plenary]

Note: Decisions taken during the reporting period with respect to Monaco are available at <https://unfccc.int/questions-of-implementation-monaco>