



Information on the delay in submission of seventh national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the delay in submission of seventh national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. It includes information available as of 27 April 2018, and covers only information on Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Through decision 9/CP.16, Annex I Parties were requested to submit their seventh national communications under the Convention by 1 January 2018 in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention. Parties included in Annex I to the Convention that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall include in their seventh national communications the necessary supplementary information required under the guidelines for reporting supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, as contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1.
3. The “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol” (as contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) stipulate that “If a Party included in Annex I expects difficulties with the timeliness of its national communication submission, it should inform the secretariat before the due date of the submission. If the national communication is not submitted within six weeks after the due date, the delay shall be brought to the attention of the COP/MOP and the Compliance Committee and made public” (para. 139).
4. At the time of publication of this note, the secretariat had received seventh national communications from 38 Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. Four Parties, namely Belarus, Croatia, Turkey and Ukraine, have not submitted their seventh national communications yet. Out of these four Parties, three sent the notifications that they experience difficulties with the timeliness of their submissions and will submit their seventh national communications with a significant delay.
5. Only 28 Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol have submitted their seventh national communications by the due date, that was 1 January 2018. Six Parties submitted within six weeks after the due date (i.e. before 12 February 2018), of which only one sent the notification informing the secretariat about its difficulties with the timely submission. Four Parties submitted after six weeks after the due date, out of which three sent the notification informing the secretariat about the planned date of submission.
6. Information on the status of submission of the seventh national communications as at 27 April 2018 is included in table 1.



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Table 1. Submission of seventh national communications and notifications on difficulties with the timeliness of submission

<i>Party to the Kyoto Protocol</i>	<i>NC7 received</i>	<i>Language of NC7</i>	<i>Notification of delay</i>	
			<i>Date of notification</i>	<i>Summary of notification provided by a Party</i>
Australia	28 Dec. 2017	English		
Austria	8 Feb. 2018	English	21 Dec. 2017	NC7 will be submitted within the first six weeks of 2018
Belarus	-----			No notification provided
Belgium	20 Dec. 2017	English		
Bulgaria	29 Dec. 2017	English		
Croatia	-----		22 Nov. 2017	Preparation of NC7 is still in process, it will be provided by the end of April
Cyprus	22 Feb. 2018	English	21 Nov. 2017	NC7 will be submitted the latest by the end of February 2018
Czech Republic	22 Dec. 2017	English		
Denmark	1 Jan. 2018	English		
Estonia	30 Dec. 2017	English		
European Union	19 Dec. 2017	English		
Finland	13 Dec. 2017	English		
France	29 Dec. 2017	French		
Germany	20 Dec. 2017	English		
Greece	22 Dec. 2017	English		
Hungary	10 Jan. 2018	English		No notification provided
Iceland	16 Mar. 2018	English		No notification provided
Ireland	30 Mar. 2018	English	13 Feb. 2018	NC7 will be submitted at the earliest opportunity
Italy	22 Dec. 2017	English		
Japan	22 Dec. 2017	English		



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			<i>Date of notification</i>	<i>Summary of notification provided by a Party</i>
Kazakhstan	31 Dec. 2017	English		
Latvia	29 Dec. 2017	English		
Liechtenstein	20 Dec. 2017	English		
Lithuania	29 Dec. 2017	English		
Luxembourg	11 Feb. 2018	English		No notification provided
Malta	12 Feb. 2018	English		No notification provided
Monaco	12 Feb. 2018	French		No notification provided
Netherlands	29 Dec. 2017	English		
New Zealand	21 Dec. 2017	English		
Norway	29 Jan. 2018	English		No notification provided
Poland	29 Dec. 2017	English		
Portugal	29 Dec. 2017	English		
Romania	27 Dec. 2017	English		
Russian Federation	29 Dec. 2017	Russian		
Slovakia	15 Dec. 2017	English		
Slovenia	13 Mar. 2018	English	10 Nov. 2017	NC7 will be submitted by mid-March 2018
Spain	22 Dec. 2017	Spanish		
Sweden	22 Dec. 2017	English		
Switzerland	19 Dec. 2017	English		
Turkey	-----		20 Dec. 2017	Aims to submit the NC7 by end of 2018
Ukraine	-----		31 Oct. 2017	Under preparation but will not be finalized by 1 January 2018



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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 Dec. 2017	English			

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.