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# Report back on requests from previous LRs meetings

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### 6. Paper on compilation of conclusions and recommendations from LRs meetings relevant for future technical expert review teams [para. 38(a)]

Information on C&R from all preceding GHG inventory LRs meetings, categorized as follows: **Review process, Consistency of the reviews, Training, LRs' responsibilities and meetings, Other matters.**

Streamlining of those C&R deemed relevant for future reviews under the ETF (as considered so by at least 4 LRs).

Proposal to endorse the compilation of C&R so that the experience and good practice that has been built up over the last 20 years are conveyed, ensuring continuity and a smooth transition to the BTR/NIR reviews



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### 7. Report on the identification of sections of the current review handbook that are still relevant under the ETF for developing the review handbook for the purpose of reviews under the ETF [para. 38(b)]

Information on sections of the current RH that retain relevance under the ETF (consideration of updates in reporting, review and methodological requirements under the ETF, relevant conclusions from LRs meetings on the RH)

Proposed revised table of contents and options for enhancing the RH while revising it for the purposes of the BTR reviews; and options to optimize the effectiveness of the revised RH to serve the BTR/NIR reviews under the ETF

The ETF RH should offer guidance on substantive and procedural issues, consistently with the MPGs, the 2006 IPCC Guidelines, training materials and guidance by the LRs

Proposal to acknowledge this paper, consider the importance to prepare a working version of the ETF RH for GHG inventories and to regularly update it



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### 8. Analysis on experts' feedback on the review process and the improvements, including the analysis of potential for replicating the review practices in the BTR reviews, where relevant [para. 44]

Surveys to expert reviewers and Parties under review (BR5/NC8): feedback was provided by 73 expert reviewers and 22 Parties undergoing review.

1. Challenges
2. Useful Aspects
3. Checklist
4. BR-VTR
5. Report Template
6. RPG
7. Review Process



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### 9. Analysis of the consistency of assessments and improvements in reporting across the review of BR5s and NC8s, (...) [para. 47]

Trends in assessing the completeness and transparency of information provided by developed country Parties in their final BR5s compared with the previous BRs1–4, and most frequent identified review issues related to mandatory reporting requirements

The **completeness** of biennial reporting has improved since establishment of the current MRV system in 2014 with a slight fluctuation in the last three review cycles

The **transparency** of biennial reporting has slightly fluctuated throughout earlier review cycles (and due to the introduction of RPG in 2016), but overall trend after the first review cycle of BR1s shows improvement in the transparency of reporting

Several reporting elements have presented continuous challenges for Parties in almost all review cycles, including the estimated impacts of individual PaMs, the use of MBMs, and the annual contributions of LULUCF and MBMs units in achieving the 2020 target





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### 10. Analysis of the review-related issues raised by the ERTs during the review of BR5s and NC8s with a view to inform the review practice under the ETF, as appropriate [para. 50]

During NC8/BR5 reviews (2023/2024), secretariat has continued with the usual practice of collecting information on the review-related issues raised by the ERTs

The ERTs have not raised any new major substantive review issues during NC8/BR5 reviews that would need further analysis: the ERTs have been addressing similar review issues as in previous review cycles, that are already covered in the RPG

The only topic of interest that could inform the future review practice under the ETF was approach to assessment of progress towards and achievement of the 2020 target

The Secretariat will continue collecting information on and analyzing review-related issues raised by the ERTs during the reviews of BTR1s with a view to presenting its analysis for discussion at future ETF LRs meetings

