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Status report of the annual inventory of Belgium

1. This status report was prepared by the secretariat pursuant to decision 22/CMP.1 in conjunction with decision 4/CMP.11 as part of the initial check of Belgium's 2020 annual greenhouse gas inventory, submitted in accordance with decisions 24/CP.19 and 15/CMP.1 in conjunction with decisions 3/CMP.11 and 2/CMP.8.

2. The report reflects the content of the inventory submission as submitted by the Party, which, in accordance with decision 24/CP.19, is due by 15 April each year (dates of submission are provided in the table on page 2).

3. In accordance with decision 24/CP.19, Parties report aggregate emissions and removals in carbon dioxide equivalent using the global warming potential values from the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change over a 100-year time-horizon.

4. In this report, the following abbreviations are used:

CRF: common reporting format GHG: greenhouse gas HWP: harvested wood products IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPPU: industrial processes and product use KP-LULUCF activities: activities under Article 3, paragraphs 3–4, of the Kyoto Protocol LULUCF: land use, land-use change and forestry NIR: national inventory report SEF: standard electronic format

Gases CH₄: methane CO: carbon monoxide CO₂: carbon dioxide HFC: hydrofluorocarbon HFC/PFC mix: unspecified mix of hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons NF₃: nitrogen trifluoride NMVOC: non-methane volatile organic compound NO_X: nitrogen oxides N₂O: nitrous oxide PFC: perfluorocarbon SF₆: sulfur hexafluoride SO₂: sulfur dioxide

Kyoto Protocol units AAU: assigned amount unit CER: certified emission reduction ERU: emission reduction unit ICER: long-term certified emission reduction RMU: removal unit tCER: temporary certified emission reduction

Notation keys C: confidential IE: included elsewhere NA: not applicable NE: not estimated NO: not occurring





			Genera	al infor	mation		rt I ng 2020 inve	ntor	y submissi	on						
		Date o submi	of origin ssion	nal	Date o	f resubn	nission(s)	С	omments ^a							
	NIR	14 Aj	pril 202)20												
	CRF tables ^b	14 Aj	oril 202	20					Latest inventory (assessed in this report): BEL_2020_1							
	Additional	14 Aj	pril 202	20				F	iles submi	tted (14	April 20	20):				
	information ^c							- 1	2019ESD	FinalRe	viewRep	ort_Belgium.	pdf			
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mation									- CONFIDENTIAL - Annex B - Changes in EUCR v8.0.10.2 to v8.2.2.xlsx							
General information									- EF commercial_institutional sector (stationary, category 1A1_1A4)_2019.zip							
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								-	QAQC-av	ril_2017	.pdf					
								-	Road tran	sport_sw	vitch to C	OPERT 5.3.0	_def.doc			
									- Annex 3 NIR_List parameters Inventory Agri.xlsx							
									- Annex3_NIR_Manure Balance data_Flanders_2018.doc							
									Annex_3_	NIR_QI	MS_Flan	ders.zip				
								-	- annex3_NIR_overview data from iron_steel.xlsx							
	CRF tables provided for years	1990-	-2018													
	Base year or period ^d	1990		Base	year fo	or HFCs	s, PFCs and	SF6	² 1995		Base ye	ear for NF ₃ ^f	1995			
	Gases covered ^g	CO ₂	CH4	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	HFC/PFC mix	SF ₆	NF ₃	NOx	СО	NMVOCs	SO ₂			
		~	✓	~	~	~	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	~	~	~	\checkmark			
CRF ^h tables	Source categories accounting for 7% or more of Party's aggregate emissions from sources included in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol	No m	issing	source	catego	ry acco	unting for 7	% 01	r more has	been id	entified					

^{*a*} The comment field is used to indicate the name of the inventory being assessed (relevant to CRF tables), the names of the files submitted as additional information (relevant to the row for additional information) and any other information relevant to the submission.

^b The CRF tables are contained in annex II to decision 24/CP.19.

^c Additional information can be any information submitted by a Party in conjunction with its NIR or CRF tables.

^{*d*} Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy may use a base year or a period of years other than 1990 in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, para. 6, of the Convention and decisions 9/CP.2 and 11/CP.4.

^e A Party may select 1995 as the base year for HFCs, PFCs and SF₆ in accordance with Article 3, para. 8, of the Kyoto Protocol.

^f A Party may select 1995 or 2000 as the base year for NF₃ in accordance with Article 3, para. 8 bis, in the Doha Amendment.

^g If, in the latest year, for a given gas, a Party reports a numerical value or a notation key other than "NE", a tick is shown in the respective cell; if "NE", zero or no value is reported, the cell is left blank.

^{*h*} In accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, para. 3(b), in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11.

	General information regarding the subr	nission of suppleme	Part II ntary information un	der Article 7, paragraph 1, of th	e Kyoto Protocol
		Date of original submission	Date of resubmission(s)	<i>Comments</i> ^a	
	KP-LULUCF information ^b	14 April 2020		NIR chapter 10	
ation	KP-LULUCF CRF tables ^c	14 April 2020		KP-LULUCF CRF tables provided for years	1990, 2013–2018
tary inform	Information on Kyoto units (AAUs, CERs, ERUs and RMUs) ^d	14 April 2020		NIR chapter 11	
Reporting of supplementary information	SEF tables with Kyoto Protocol units ^e	14 April 2020		Reported year: 2019 - SEF tables for first commi submitted on 14 April 2020 - SEF tables for second com submitted on 14 April 2020	mitment period
	Changes in national system ^f	14 April 2020		NIR chapter 12	
	Changes in national registry ^f	14 April 2020		NIR chapter 13	
	Minimization of adverse impacts ^f	14 April 2020		NIR chapter 14	

^{*a*} Where applicable the comments field indicates the location of the reported information in the NIR.

^b Parties are required to include in their annual submission information on anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks from LULUCF activities under Article 3, para. 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, and, if any, elected activities under Article 3, para. 4, in accordance with decision 2/CMP.8, annex II, paras. 1–5.

^c Parties are required to report anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks from LULUCF activities under Article 3, para. 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, forest management and, if any, elected activities under Article 3, para. 4. Parties may also elect to report these tables for the base year or 1990.

^d Parties are required to include in their annual submission information on AAUs, CERs, ICERs, tCERs, ERUs and RMUs in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, annex, chap. I.E, in conjunction with annex II to decision 3/CMP.11.

^e As required by annex II to decision 3/CMP.11.

^{*f*} The requirements for Parties to report on changes in their national systems in accordance with Article 5, para. 1, of the Kyoto Protocol, changes in national registries, and the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, para. 14, of the Kyoto Protocol are set out in decision 15/CMP.1, annex, chaps. I.F, I.G and I.H, respectively, in conjunction with annex II to decision 3/CMP.11.

	Part III Completeness ^a of CRF tables for the latest reported inventory year (2018)												
		Energy		IPPU	IPPU		Agriculture		LULUCF				aste
	Sectoral report tables	1	~	2(I)	~	3	~	4	~	4.1	~	5	~
		1.A(a)	~	2(I)A-H	~	3.A	~	4.A	~	4(I)	~	5.A	~
6		1.A(b)	~	2(II)	~	3.B(a)	~	4.B	~	4(II)	~	5.B	~
Sectoral tables	Sectoral background tables	1.A(c)	~	2(II)B-H	~	3.B(b)	~	4.C	~	4(III)	~	5.C	~
Sectora		1.A(d)	~			3.C	~	4.D	~	4(IV)	~	5.D	~
		1.B.1	~			3.D	~	4.E	~	4(V)	~		•
		1.B.2	~			3.E	~	4.F	~				
		1.C	~			3.F	~	4.G	~	-			
		1.D	~			3.G-I	~						
and cross- tables ^b	Cross-sectoral report tables	Table 6 (Indirect	Table 6 (Indirect emissions of N ₂ O and CO ₂)							÷			
Summative and cross- cutting tables ^b	Other tables	Table 9 (Informa	ation on	notation keys	s – NE)		~	Table 9 (Inform		n notation	keys – l	E)	~

^a A tick indicates that the respective table is not blank.
 ^b Tables that are automatically generated by the CRF Reporter (summary table 1.A, summary table 2, summary table 3, table 7 key categories and table 10 emission trends) are not included here.

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	Part III (continued) Completeness ^a of CRF tables related to KP-LULUCF ^b information for the latest reported inventory year (2018)												
		NIR-1	~										
	tables	NIR-2	~										
	l repor	NIR-3											
	Sectoral report tables	4(KP)	~										
l tables		4(KP) Recalculation											
Sectoral tables	es	4(KP-I)A.1	~	4(KP-I)B.1	~	4(KP-I)B.2	~	4(KP-II)1	~				
-1	md tabl	4(KP-I)A.1.1	~	4(KP-I)B.1.1	~	4(KP-I)B.3	~	4(KP-II)2	~				
	ackgrou	4(KP-I)A.2	~	4(KP-I)B.1.2		4(KP-I)B.4	~	4(KP-II)3	~				
	Sectoral background tables	4(KP-I)A.2.1	~	4(KP-I)B.1.3	~	4(KP-I)B.5	~	4(KP-II)4	~				
	Sec		<u> </u>	·		4(KP-I)C	~	Accounting table	~				

^{*a*} A tick indicates that the respective table is not blank.

^b Parties are required to report anthropogenic GHG emissions by sources and removals by sinks from LULUCF activities under Article 3, para. 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, and, if any, elected activities under Article 3, para. 4, using the agreed CRF tables adopted under decision 6/CMP.9.

	Part IV Provision of selected information in the CRF tables														
HG totals ^a	Gas	CO ₂	CH	I 4	N ₂ O	HFCs				HFC/PFC mix		SF ₆		NF ₃	
Direct GHG totals ^a	Provided for years	1990– 2018	19 20	90— 18			1990- 2018	-	1990– 2018		1990– 2018		1990– 2018		1990– 2018
t CO2	Sector Energy IPPU		Ag	ricultu	re	LUI	LUCF		Waste		Other				
Indirect CO ₂	Provided for years													19	90–2018
Energy CO2 ^b	Comparison of CO ₂ emissions from fuel	CO ₂ emissions approach			Sectoral approach		Difference between reference and sectoral approach more than 2%								ore than 2%
Energ	combustion ^b	✓ ·		~	✓		quid			Solid		~	Ga	seous	
International bunkers	Bunker type	Aviation		Naviga	tion										
Interno bun	Provided for years	1990–2018	1990–2018 1990		2018										
HFCs and PFCs ^{b,c}	Disaggregation by species	HFCs		PFCs											
HFC. PFC		~		~											

^a Considered provided if the total for a given gas is a numerical value or a notation key other than "NE".
 ^b A tick indicates that the information is provided.
 ^c Assessment based on information reported for the latest inventory year.

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	Comp	leteness of CRF tab	Part V les for years reported (bas	e year, 1990–2018) ^a					
	Yes/no	Sector	Table	Year(s)	Notation keys used				
CRF submission contains blank tables ^b	Yes	KP-LULUCF	NIR-3	1990, 2013–2018					
blank tables"		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.1.2	1990, 2013–2018					
CRF submission includes	Yes	Energy	Table 1.C	1990–2018	NO				
tables containing only notation keys ^c		Agriculture	Table 3.C	1990–2018	NA, NO				
		Agriculture	Table 3.E	1990–2018	NO				
		Agriculture	Table 3.F	1990–2018	NA, NO				
		LULUCF	Table 4.F	1990–2018	NO				
		LULUCF	Table 4(I)	1990–2018	NO				
		LULUCF	Table 4(II)	1990–2018	NA, NO				
		LULUCF	Table 4(IV)	1990–2018	IE				
		LULUCF	Table 4(V)	2004, 2008–2010, 2012– 2018	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP)	1990	IE, NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP)Recalculations	1990	IE, NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)A.1	1990	NA, NO				
			KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)A.1.1	1990, 2013–2018	NA, NO			
								KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)A.2
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)A.2.1	1990, 2013–2018	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.1	1990	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.1.1	1990	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.1.3	1990	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.2	1990, 2013–2018	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.3	1990, 2013–2018	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.4	1990, 2013–2018	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)B.5	1990, 2013–2018	NA				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-I)C	1990	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-II)1	1990, 2013–2018	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-II)2	1990, 2013–2018	NA, NO				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-II)3	1990	NA, NO				

Part V Completeness of CRF tables for years reported (base year, 1990–2018) ^a									
	Yes/no	Sector	Table	Year(s)	Notation keys used				
		KP-LULUCF	4(KP-II)4	2013–2018	NA, NO				

^a KP-LULUCF tables are only considered for the years associated with the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
 ^b Excludes table 8 in the latest reported inventory year.
 ^c Notation keys associated with methods and emission factor information are not considered.

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	Part VI Provision of information in the CRF tables relating to recalculations										
Recalculation reported for years ^a	1990–2017										
Recalculated sectors/gases ^b	Energy	IPPU	Agriculture	LULUCF	Waste	KP-LULUCF					
CO ₂	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓					
CH ₄	✓		~		✓						
N ₂ O	~	~	~	~	~	~					
HFCs		~									
PFCs		~									
HFC/PFC mix											
SF ₆		~									
NF ₃											
Indirect CO ₂											
Percentage difference in aggregate GHG	Base-year estimate ^c	With LULUCF:	-0.07%	Without LULUCF:	-0.12%						
emissions	Latest recalculated year ^d	With LULUCF:	2.36%	Without LULUCF:	3.03%						

^{*a*} Years in which recalculations were performed.

^b Tick indicates that, for the respective sector and gas, recalculations were performed in one or more years.

^c Parties included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy may use a base year or a period of years other than 1990 in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, para. 6, of the Convention and decision 24/CP.19.

^d The latest recalculated year is the latest reported inventory year minus one.

	Part VII Provision of information relating to KP-LULUCF acti	ivities	
		Provided ^a	Observation
	nissions by sources and removals by sinks are clearly distinguished from emissions from categories cluded in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol	~	
Gı	formation on how inventory methodologies have been applied, taking into account the 2006 IPCC uidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and any relevant supplementary guidance recognizing e principles laid out in decision 16/CMP.1	~	
Inf	formation on the geographical location of the boundaries of areas that encompass:		
	Units of land subject to activities under Article 3, paragraph 3	✓	
	Units of land subject to activities under Article 3, paragraph 3, which would otherwise be included in land subject to forest management or elected activities under Article 3, paragraph 4	~	
	Land subject to forest management or elected activities under Article 3, paragraph 4	✓	
	formation on the spatial assessment unit for determining the area of accounting for afforestation, forestation and deforestation	~	
loc	formation on GHG emissions/removals resulting from KP-LULUCF activities, for all geographical cations reported in the current and previous years since the beginning of the commitment period or the onset the activity, whichever occurs later	√	
	formation on carbon pools (above-ground/below-ground biomass, litter, deadwood and soil organic carbon) at are not accounted for	~	
	Then a Party applies the provisions for natural disturbances, information demonstrating that these emissions any single year exceed the background level(s), including a margin, where needed. For this purpose, the arty shall include information showing:		
		✓	In chapter 10.4.2 of the NIR, the Party reported that no cas
	That all lands subject to exclusion due to natural disturbances are identified		of natural disturbance has been identified for the time bein
	That all lands subject to exclusion due to natural disturbances are identified How annual emissions resulting from natural disturbances and the subsequent removals are estimated and excluded from the accounting	✓	of natural disturbance has been identified for the time bein In chapter 10.4.2 of the NIR, the Party reported that no cas of natural disturbance has been identified for the time bein

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Part VII

Provision of information relating to KP-LULUCF activities

	$Provided^a$	Observation
That events and circumstances were beyond the control of the Party	~	In chapter 10.4.2 of the NIR, the Party reported that no cas of natural disturbance has been identified for the time being
That the efforts taken to rehabilitate the land for which the provisions contained in decision 2/CMP.7, annex, paragraph 33, are applied	~	In chapter 10.4.2 of the NIR, the Party reported that no cas of natural disturbance has been identified for the time bein
That emissions associated with salvage logging were not excluded from the accounting	~	In chapter 10.4.2 of the NIR, the Party reported that no cas of natural disturbance has been identified for the time bein
If not accounted for by instantaneous oxidation, information on GHG emissions/removals resulting from changes in the HWP pool accounted for in accordance with decision 2/CMP.7, including:		
Activity data for the HWP categories used for estimating the pool removed from domestic forests, for domestic consumption and for export	✓	
Half-lives used in estimating emissions/removals for the HWP categories used	✓	
Whether emissions from HWP originating from forests prior to the start of the second commitment period have been included in the accounting, if the forest management reference level is based on a projection	~	
How emissions from the HWP pool accounted for in the first commitment period on the basis of instantaneous oxidation have been excluded from the accounting for the second commitment period	~	
How HWP resulting from deforestation has been accounted on the basis of instantaneous oxidation	✓	
How CO ₂ emissions from HWP in solid waste disposal sites and from wood harvested for energy purposes have been accounted on the basis of instantaneous oxidation	~	
How emissions/removals from changes in the HWP pool accounted for do not include imported HWP	✓	
Information on anthropogenic GHG emissions from KP-LULUCF activities, factoring out removals from:		
Elevated CO ₂ concentrations above pre-industrial levels	✓	
Indirect nitrogen deposition	✓	
The dynamic effects of age structure resulting from activities prior to 1 January 1990	✓	
Specific information to be reported for activities under Article 3, paragraph 3:		

Part VII Provision of information relating to KP-LULUCF ac	tivities	
	Provided ^a	Observation
Activities that began on or after 1 January 1990 and before 31 December of the last year of the commitment period and are directly human-induced	~	
How harvesting or forest disturbance that is followed by the re-establishment of forest is distinguished from deforestation	~	
Specific information to be reported for activities under Article 3, paragraph 4:		
Activities that have occurred since 1 January 1990 and are human-induced	✓	
Cropland management, grazing land management, revegetation, wetland drainage and rewetting: emissions/removals reported for each year of the commitment period and for the base year for each of the elected activities at the geographical locations reported	~	The Party has not elected cropland management, grazing land management, revegetation or wetland drainage and rewetting
Emissions/removals from activities under Article 3, paragraph 4, are not accounted for under activities under Article 3, paragraph 3	~	
Information on how emissions arising from the conversion of natural forests to planted forests are accounted for	~	
Methodological consistency between the reference level and reporting for forest management	✓	
Technical corrections made pursuant to decision 2/CMP.7, annex, paragraph 14	✓	
Forest management: if emissions/removals from the harvest and conversion of forest plantations to non- forest land were included, information on how requirements set out in decision 2/CMP.7, annex, paragraphs 37–39, were met, including:		
The identification of all lands and associated carbon pools subject to decision 2/CMP.7, annex, paragraph 37, including the georeferenced location and year of conversion	✓	In chapter 10.5.4.7 of the NIR, the Party reported that it do not apply the provision for carbon equivalent forests
A demonstration that the forest plantation was first established through direct human-induced planting and/or seeding of non-forest land before 1 January 1990, and, if the forest plantation was re- established, that this last occurred on forest land through direct human-induced planting and/or seeding after 1 January 1960	~	In chapter 10.5.4.7 of the NIR, the Party reported that it do not apply the provision for carbon equivalent forests
A demonstration that a new forest of area at least equivalent to the harvested forest plantation is established through direct human-induced planting and/or seeding of non-forest land that did not contain forest on 31 December 1989	✓	In chapter 10.5.4.7 of the NIR, the Party reported that it do not apply the provision for carbon equivalent forests

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Provision of information relating to KP-LULUCF activities									
		Provided ^a	Observation						
	A demonstration that this newly established forest will reach at least the equivalent carbon stock that was contained in the harvested forest plantation at the time of harvest, within the normal harvesting cycle of the harvested forest plantation, and, if not, that a debit would be generated under Article 3, paragraph 4	~	In chapter 10.5.4.7 of the NIR, the Party reported that it does not apply the provision for carbon equivalent forests						

^{*a*} A tick is accompanied by an explanatory comment in the observation field where the provision of information is not applicable.

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