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**National communications from Parties included in  
Annex I to the Convention**

**Note by the secretariat**

The present note describes the progress made with regard to in-depth reviews of first national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

In accordance with decision 2/CP.1, paragraph 2 (d), summaries of the reports of the in-depth reviews are made available to all Parties and accredited observers. These summaries are one to two pages in length and are available in the six official languages of the United Nations. The full texts of the reports are available in their original language. These reports including their summaries are also accessible on-line via the World Wide Web (<http://www.unfccc.de>) and APC network (Econet, unfccc conference).

An informal workshop will be held on 26 February 1997 in conjunction with the fifth session of the SBI, and will provide an opportunity to discuss issues arising from in-depth reviews. The morning session will focus on national experience with implementation of specific policies and measures, including energy subsidies, environmental legislation and voluntary agreements. The afternoon session will consider issues related to the transfer of technology.

34 first national communications have been submitted so far. Two first communications are still pending - those of Belgium and Lithuania. At the time of preparation of this note, 31 country visits of the in-depth reviews of national communications had taken place, and 20 in-depth review reports had been issued. The secretariat invites Parties to continue nominating experts for the in-depth reviews.

Annex I Parties may wish to recall that, according to a previous decision of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change and of the Conferences of the Parties, 500 copies of second national communication are to be submitted to the secretariat for subsequent distribution, as well as an electronic version of an executive summary of the national communication, if possible in WordPerfect 5.2 format (see document A/AC.237/55 decision 9/2).

Table 1 in the annex to this document provides an update on the dates of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, the dates on which the national communications were due following the entry into force of the Convention, the dates on which the national communications were received, and the dates of in-depth review country visits. Table 2 contains an overview of the composition of review teams which took part in the in-depth review process.

**TABLE 1. NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS: STATE OF PROGRESS**

Annex I Party	Date of ratification*	Communication due date	Communication received date	Review visit dates
<b>Australia***</b>	30.12.92	21.09.94	19.09.94	26-30.06.95
<b>Austria***</b>	28.02.94	29.11.94	23.09.94	04-07.12.95
<b>Belarus**</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Belgium</b>	16.01.96	15.10.96	-	-
<b>Bulgaria</b>	12.05.95	10.02.96	11.03.96	01-04.10.96
<b>Canada***</b>	04.12.92	21.09.94	07.02.94	29.05-02.06.95
<b>Czech Republic***</b>	07.10.93	21.09.94	17.10.94	02-05.05.95
<b>Denmark***</b>	21.12.93	21.09.94	01.09.94	14-18.08.95
<b>E.C.</b>	21.12.93	21.09.94	08.07.96	10-15.11.96
<b>Estonia</b>	27.07.94	25.04.95	06.05.95	16-17.05.96
<b>Finland***</b>	03.05.94	01.02.95	30.01.95	29.1-02.02.96
<b>France</b>	25.03.94	23.12.94	06.02.95	17-21.06.96
<b>Germany</b>	09.12.93	21.09.94	28.09.94	20-24.11.95
<b>Greece</b>	04.08.94	02.05.95	23.03.95	-
<b>Hungary</b>	24.02.94	25.11.94	22.11.94	24-29.11.96
<b>Iceland***</b>	16.06.93	21.09.94	04.03.96	09-13.09.96
<b>Ireland***</b>	20.04.94	19.01.95	15.11.94	29.01-02.02.96
<b>Italy</b>	15.04.94	14.01.95	04.04.95	11-15.11.96
<b>Japan***</b>	28.05.93	21.09.94	20.09.94	03-07.07.95
<b>Latvia</b>	23.03.95	21.12.95	20.09.95	13-14.05.96
<b>Lithuania</b>	24.03.95	22.12.95	-	-
<b>Luxembourg</b>	09.05.94	07.02.95	25.03.96	13-16.11.96
<b>Netherlands***</b>	20.12.93	21.09.94	20.09.94	20-24.11.95

**TABLE 1. (continued)**

Annex I Party	Date of ratification*	Communication due date	Communication received date	Review visit dates
<b>New Zealand***</b>	16.09.93	21.09.94	21.09.94	03-07.07.95
<b>Norway***</b>	09.07.93	21.09.94	21.09.94	23-27.10.95
<b>Poland</b>	28.07.94	26.04.95	02.02.95	25-29.03.96
<b>Portugal***</b>	21.12.93	21.09.94	25.01.95	09-13.09.96
<b>Romania</b>	08.06.94	06.03.95	14.03.95	07-11.10.96
<b>Russian Federation***</b>	28.12.94	28.09.95	05.12.95	22-26.04.96
<b>Slovakia</b>	25.08.94	24.05.95	11.10.95	02-06.06.96
<b>Spain***</b>	21.12.93	21.09.94	28.09.94	25-29.09.95
<b>Sweden***</b>	23.06.93	21.09.94	20.09.94	13-17.03.95
<b>Switzerland***</b>	10.12.93	21.09.94	21.09.94	11-14.09.95
<b>Turkey**</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Ukraine**</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>United Kingdom***</b>	08.12.93	21.09.94	07.02.94	09-13.10.95
<b>United States of America***</b>	15.10.92	21.09.94	21.09.94	22-26.05.95
<b>Liechtenstein★</b>	22.06.94	22.03.95	24.02.95	-
<b>Monaco ★</b>	24.11.92	21.09.94	25.10.94	-

\* For the purpose of this document, all references to ratification include information on accession, acceptance and approval of the Convention.

\*\* Country that has not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention.

\*\*\* In-depth review report published (as at 21 February 1997).

★ As stipulated in Article 4.2(g) of the Convention, any Party not included in Annex I may, in its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or at any time thereafter, notify the Depository that it intends to be bound by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Article 4.2. Monaco notified the Depository of its intention to be bound by these subparagraphs on 24 November 1992. Liechtenstein has not notified the Depository of its intention to be bound by these subparagraphs.

**TABLE 2. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANNEX I PARTIES  
UNDERTAKEN UP TO 21 FEBRUARY 1997: COMPOSITION OF REVIEW TEAMS**

Country visit	Origin of experts nominated by Governments			Experts from IGOs*
	Developing countries	Economies in transition	Annex II Parties	
Sweden (13-17 March 1995)	Brazil	Bulgaria	United States of America	-
Czech Republic (2-5 May 1995)	Kenya	Poland	-	-
United States of America (22-26 May 1995)	Philippines	Russian Federation	Sweden	IEA
Canada (29 May-2 June 1995)	Mexico	Czech Republic	Japan	OECD
Australia (26 June-30 June 1995)	Egypt	Slovakia	United Kingdom	IEA
New Zealand (3-7 July 1995)	Sri Lanka	Slovakia	United Kingdom	-
Japan (3-7 July 1995)	Bangladesh Republic of Korea	-	United States of America	IEA
Denmark (14-18 August 1995)	China	Hungary	Italy	OECD
Switzerland (11-14 September 1995)	Mexico	-	France	-

**TABLE 2.** (continued)

Country visit	Origin of experts nominated by Governments			Experts from IGOs*
	Developing countries	Economies in transition	Annex II Parties	
Spain (25-29 September 1995)	Cuba Mexico	-	Portugal	-
United Kingdom (9-13 October 1995)	Brazil	Slovak Republic	Switzerland	OECD
Norway (23-27 October 1995)	Ecuador	Bulgaria	Australia	OECD
Germany (20-24 November 1995)	China	Latvia	Japan	OECD
Netherlands (20-24 November 1995)	India	Russian Federation	Canada	IEA
Austria (4-7 December 1995)	Ghana★	-	Netherlands	IEA
Ireland (29 Jan-2 February 1996)	Kenya	Bulgaria	Norway	-
Finland (29 Jan.-2 February 1996)	Thailand	Russian Federation	United Kingdom	-
Poland (25-29 March 1996)	Philippines	Czech Republic	Germany	UNIDO

**TABLE 2.** (continued)

Country visit	Origin of experts nominated by Governments			Experts from IGOs*
	Developing countries	Economies in transition	Annex II Parties	
Russian Federation (22-26 April 1996)	Cuba	Czech Republic	Norway	IEA
Latvia (13-14 May 1996)	Costa Rica	Poland	Finland	OECD
Estonia (16-17 May 1996)	Costa Rica	Poland	Finland	OECD
Slovak Republic (2-7 June 1996)	Venezuela	Estonia	Denmark	UNIDO
France (17-21 June 1996)	-	-	Belgium	OECD
Iceland (9-13 September 1996)	Eritrea	Estonia	USA	-
Portugal (9-13 September 1996)	Argentina	-	Spain	-
Bulgaria (1-4 October 1996)	-	Hungary	USA	-
Romania (7-11 October 1996)	Egypt	Estonia	Netherlands	-
Italy (10-15 November 1996)	Colombia Iran	-	United Kingdom	-

**TABLE 2. (continued)**

Country visit	Origin of experts nominated by Governments			Experts from IGOs*
	Developing countries	Economies in transition	Annex II Parties	
E.C. (10-15 November 1996)	Zimbabwe	Romania	Japan	OECD
Luxembourg (13-16 November 1996)	Algeria	Romania	Belgium	-
Hungary (24-29 November 1996)	Fiji Tunisia	Romania	-	OECD

The teams include a coordinator from the secretariat, who may be assisted by a colleague or a consultant.

\* IGO: Intergovernmental organization

OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

IEA: International Energy Agency

UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

★ Paper review