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GUIDELINES UNDER ARTICLES 5, 7 AND 8 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Draft guidelines for the preparation of the information required under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol

1. [The application of these provisions is mandatory for each Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Party) [(including regional economic integration organizations and their member States)], except for those expressed in non-mandatory language.]

I. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 7.1

2. The objectives of these guidelines are:

(a) To enable Annex I Parties to meet their commitments for reporting information in accordance with Article 7.1;

(b) To promote the reporting of consistent, transparent, comparable, accurate and complete information by Annex I Parties;

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(c) To enable the Compliance [Institution] to assess compliance with Article 3.1;

(d) To provide information for the Conference of the Parties (COP) serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol by Annex I Parties.

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(c) To ensure that the COP/MOP and any body that may be designated by the COP/MOP for compliance purposes have adequate information on the implementation of the

Kyoto Protocol by Annex I Parties to carry out their assigned functions and to take decisions on any matter required for implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

3. Each Annex I Party shall annually submit to the secretariat a [single report] [report to be incorporated in the annual inventory] containing the information required by these guidelines.

4. [The estimates and other information required by paragraphs 14 and 25, shall be accompanied by disclosure of the principal assumptions and the methodologies used by the Annex I Party in developing all of the estimates and other information, which shall be sufficiently detailed to enable a clear understanding of the basis for the estimates and other information.]

A. Greenhouse gas inventory information

5. Each Annex I Party shall submit an inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, prepared in accordance with Article 5.2 and decisions of the COP/MOP, taking into account any relevant decisions of the COP. A Party need not separately submit an inventory under Article 12 (a) of the Convention.

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 3.3 AND 3.4 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LULUCF)

6. [Each Annex I Party shall include in the greenhouse gas inventory [annual] information on the estimation of emissions and removals from land-use, land-use change and forestry relevant to Article 3.3 and 3.4, in accordance with any guidelines, rules and modalities that may be adopted by the COP/MOP. These estimates shall be clearly distinguished from other parts of the inventory.]

7. [Each Annex I Party shall include in the greenhouse gas inventory information on the net changes in greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from afforestation, reforestation and deforestation in the base year and commitment years.]

B. Information on [assigned amount] [ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs]]¹

8. Each Annex I Party shall report, in a standard format, the following information, relevant to a given commitment period:

(a) Total quantity of ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] in its registry at the beginning of the previous calendar year;²

(b) Total quantity of [AAUs] [PAAs] issued into its registry[, including those in accordance with Article 3.3 or 3.4] by the Party during the previous calendar year;

(c) Total quantity of ERUs and [AAUs] [PAAs] acquired during the previous calendar year, identifying each transferring Party;

¹ Emission reduction units (ERUs), certified emission reductions (CERs), assigned amount units (AAUs), parts of assigned amount (PAAs).

² The calendar year is defined as the calendar year according to Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time).

- (d) Total quantity of CERs acquired during the previous calendar year, identifying each transferring Party, including CERs acquired in accordance with Article 12.10 from 2000 up to and including the previous calendar year, if not previously reported;
- (e) Total quantity of ERUs[, CERs] and [AAUs] [PAAs] transferred during the previous calendar year, identifying each acquiring Party and indicating initial transfers of ERUs;
- (f) Total quantity of ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] retired during the previous calendar year;
- (g) Total quantity of ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] cancelled during the previous calendar year; and
- (h) Total quantity of ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] in its registry at the end of the previous calendar year [, excluding ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] in retirement or cancellation accounts].

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9. Each Annex I Party shall annually transmit from its registry to the secretariat, in a standard electronic format, the serial numbers of all ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] identified in paragraph 8 (b)-(h) above.

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 3.3 AND 3.4 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LULUCF)

10. Upon expiration of the 'true-up period' after each commitment period, each Annex I Party shall report, in a standard format, the following information:

- (a) Total quantity of all ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] acquired during the true-up period and identification of each transferring Party;
- (b) Total quantity of all ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] transferred during the true-up period and identification of each acquiring Party;
- (c) The quantity of all ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] in [its] retirement and cancellation accounts;
- (d) The quantity of any ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] which the Party requests to be added to its assigned amount for subsequent commitment periods in accordance with Article 3.13;
- (e) [Aggregate greenhouse gas emissions for all years of the first commitment period, and all adjustments applied during the first commitment period, if any;]
- (f) *[(Information – on supplementarity under Articles 6 and 17.)]*

11. Each Annex I Party shall annually transmit from its registry to the secretariat, in a standard electronic format, the serial numbers of all ERUs, CERs and [AAUs] [PAAs] identified in paragraph 10 (a)-(d) above.

12. [Each Annex I Party shall, prior to the first commitment period, [report] [transmit] to the secretariat in a standard format the quantity of [AAUs] [PAAs] [and CERs] designated as its commitment period reserve in accordance with the procedures set out in (*cross reference to the decision(s) on mechanisms*).]

13. [Each Annex I Party shall annually [report] [transmit] to the secretariat in a standard format any adjustments to its commitment period reserve made in accordance with the procedures set out in (*cross reference to the decision(s) on mechanisms*).]

14. [Each Annex I Party shall report its current, best estimates of:

(a) The total amount of greenhouse gas emissions (expressed in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) that the Annex I Party will be required to reduce, avoid or sequester during the first commitment period set forth in Article 3.7 of the Protocol, without taking into account net acquisitions of emission reduction units (ERUs), certified emission reductions (CERs), or [assigned amount units (AAUs)] [(parts of assigned amount (PAAs))], in order to comply with its quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment under Article 3 of the Protocol;

(b) The amounts of ERUs, CERs, and [AAUs] [PAAs], individually and in aggregate, that the Annex I Party expects to acquire (net of transfers by the Annex I Party) during each year of the first commitment period.]

(The information in the paragraphs below is expected to be publicly available from the registry)

15. [Amount of [AAUs] [PAAs] allocated to legal entities resident in the Party, with breakdown by entity, at the beginning and at the end of the calendar year.]

16. Project numbers linked to detailed information related to clean development mechanism (CDM) projects.

17. [Summary information on the acquisition of CERs from CDM projects under Article 12, which may include the descriptions of project names, scales, sites and participants, the process of CER generation, the amount of CERs acquired, and how the funds for CDM are additional.]

18. [Summary information on the acquisition and transfer of ERUs from projects under Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol, which may include the descriptions of project names, scales, project sites, participants, the process of ERU generation, and the amount of ERUs acquired and transferred.]

19. [Summary information on acquisitions and transfers under Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, which may include the descriptions of the process of acquisition and transfer.]

C. National systems in accordance with Article 5.1

20. Each Annex I Party shall include in its national inventory report information on any changes that have occurred in its national system, compared to information reported in its last submission, including information submitted under Article 7.2.

D. National registries

21. Each Annex I Party shall include in [its national inventory report] information on any changes that have occurred in its national registry, compared to information reported in its last submission, including information submitted under Article 7.2.

[E. Adjustments in accordance with Article 5.2

22. If adjustment(s) has(have) occurred during the previous year, the Annex I Party concerned shall report which inventory data were adjusted and reference the adjustment report(s) issued by the adjustment team.]

(Information with respect to revised estimates)

[F. Compliance]

[G. Information on activities under Articles 6, 12 and 17

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLES 6, 12 AND 17 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MECHANISMS)

23. Each Annex I Party shall provide the uniform resource locator (URL) on the Internet from which information on projects having generated ERUs or CERs during the relevant year is available. Likewise, it shall provide the uniform resource locator from which up-to-date information may be found on entities which are authorized by the Party to participate in the mechanisms pursuant to Articles 6, 12 or 17.]

[H. Information on Article 3.14

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 3.14 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 4.8 AND 4.9 OF THE CONVENTION AND ARTICLE 3.14)

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24. Information on the implementation of Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular the information related to national policies and measures to minimize the adverse effects on international trade, and social environmental and economical impacts on other Parties, especially developing country Parties.

25. The Annex I Party's current, best estimate, expressed qualitatively and quantitatively, of the effects of its policies and measures undertaken pursuant to Article 2.1 and 2.2 of the Protocol and otherwise undertaken to achieve its quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment under Article 3.1 of the Protocol on developing countries and in particular those identified in Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, including the Annex I Party's best quantitative estimates of the effects of those policies and measures on such developing countries with respect to:

(a) The unit quantity and monetary amount of raw materials, fuels, and finished goods exported to the Annex I Party by developing country Parties in each year during the period 2000 through 2012;

(b) The prices of raw materials, fuels, and finished goods imported from the Annex I Party by developing country Parties in each year during the period 2000 through 2012;

(c) The interest rates and the total interest payable by developing country Parties to the Annex I Party and its legal entities on the external debt of developing country Parties during the period 2000 through 2012.

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26. Subsequent to the development by the COP/MOP of methodologies and case studies for assessing the impacts of climate change and after a formal demonstration by developing countries of the harm resulting from the impacts of these response measures and after assessment of the effects of the harm from these response measures, Parties will provide information pertaining to Article 3.14.]

II. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 7.2

27. The objectives of these guidelines are:

(a) To enable Annex I Parties to meet their commitments for reporting information in accordance with Article 7.2;

(b) To promote the reporting of consistent, transparent, comparable, accurate and complete information by Annex I Parties;

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(c) To ensure that the COP/MOP and any body that may be designated by the COP/MOP for compliance purposes have the information necessary to carry out their assigned functions and to take decisions on any matter required for implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

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(c) To provide information on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the COP/MOP and any body that may be designated by the COP/MOP for compliance purposes.

28. In its national communication submitted under Article 12 of the Convention and in accordance with the relevant decisions of the COP, each Annex I Party shall include the information required under paragraphs (xx-yy) below.

29. [The estimates and other information required by paragraphs (xx-yy), shall be accompanied by disclosure of the principal assumptions and the methodologies used by the Annex I Party in developing all of the estimates and other information, which shall be sufficiently detailed to enable a clear understanding of the bases for the estimates and other information.]

A. National registries

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO NATIONAL REGISTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MECHANISMS)

30. Each Annex I Party shall provide a description of its national registry. The description shall include the following information:

(a) The name and contact information for the designated representative responsible for the Party's national registry;

(b) A description of the database structure used in the Party's national registry;

(c) A list of and the electronic format of the information transmitted electronically from the Party's national registry to an acquiring Party's national registry when transferring assigned amount;

(d) A list of and the electronic format of the information that would be transmitted electronically from the Party's national registry to the independent transaction log when issuing, transferring, acquiring, retiring and cancelling assigned amount;

(e) An explanation of the procedures employed in the Party's national registry to prevent discrepancies in the transfer, acquisition, and retirement of assigned amount;

(f) An overview of security measures employed in the Party's national registry to deter computer attacks and minimize operator error;

(g) A list of publicly accessible data elements available through the electronic interface (e.g. World Wide Web site) to the Party's national registry;

(h) An explanation of how to access information through the electronic interface to the Party's national registry.]

B. [Supplementary information relevant to][Implementation of] Articles 6, 12 and 17

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLES 6, 12 AND 17 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MECHANISMS)

31. [Each Annex I Party that participates in Kyoto Protocol mechanisms under Articles 6, 12 or 17 shall report:

(a) A description of any institutional arrangements and decision-making procedures that it has in place to coordinate activities related to participation in the mechanism(s), including the participation of legal entities;

(b) General information on projects under Article 6 (summarizing detailed information on each project as publicly available on the Internet);

(c) Information on how its project activities under Article 12 have assisted Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention in achieving sustainable development and in contributing to the ultimate objective of the Convention (*reference should be made to reports issued by the non-Annex I Parties hosting projects*);

(d) Information on names and contact details of legal entities, within the jurisdiction of the Party, that are (or have been) authorized to participate in mechanisms under any of Articles 6, 12 and 17;

(e) Estimates of the expected contribution that each mechanism will allow towards compliance with the Party's quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment under Article 3.]

C. Supplementary information relevant to Article [2 and] 3

1. Base year (Article 3.5 and 3.8)

(It was proposed to consider the paragraphs below under section III)

32. Each Annex I Party shall provide information on the base year[s] it uses for [each] HFC[s], PFC[s] and SF₆, for the purpose of calculating its commitments under Article 3.7.

33. Each Annex I Party undergoing the process of transition to a market economy shall recall in its national communications which base year or period was agreed by the COP/MOP for the implementation of its commitments under Article 3.

[2. Demonstrable progress in 2005 (Article 3.2)

34. Each Annex I Party shall provide, in all relevant sections of its fourth national communication, information to demonstrate that progress has been made in achieving its commitments under the Kyoto Protocol. *(Specific guidelines to be drafted later)*

35. Information on the implementation of Article 3.2 of the Kyoto Protocol showing what demonstrable progress has been made in achieving the commitment under this Protocol by the year 2005, and how.

36. All steps the Annex I Party has taken and anticipates taking to comply with its commitment contained in Article 3.2 of the Protocol, including a detailed explanation as to why the Annex I Party believes, with respect to each of its separate commitments contained in the Protocol, that the described steps do or do not constitute "demonstrable progress in achieving" each such commitment.]

3. [Minimization of adverse impacts under Articles 2.3 and 3.14]

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLES 2.3 AND 3.14 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON 4.8 AND 4.9 OF THE CONVENTION AND ARTICLE 3.14)

[D. Joint fulfilment of commitments in accordance with Article 4

37. A regional economic integration organization that becomes a Party to this Protocol pursuant to Article 24.1 shall include in its national communication information on the implementation of:

(a) Any measures aimed at enforcing the respective emission levels of members set forth in an agreement under Article 4 to fulfil their commitments under Article 3 jointly;

(b) The respective roles and responsibilities of the regional economic integration organization and its member States with respect to their participation in the Kyoto mechanisms;

(c) Measures taken to ensure the consistency of inventory and assigned amount information gathered and reported by the regional economic integration organization and by its member States.]

E. National systems in accordance with Article 5.1

38. Each Annex I Party shall provide a description of how it is performing the general and specific functions defined in the guidelines for national systems under Article 5.1. The description shall contain the following elements:

(a) The name and contact information for the national entity and its designated representative(s) with overall responsibility for the Party's national inventory;

(b) The roles and responsibilities of various agencies and entities in relation to the inventory development process, as well as the institutional, legal and procedural arrangements made to prepare the inventory;

(c) A description of the process for collecting activity data, for selecting emission factors and methods, and for the development of emission estimates;

(d) The process and the results of key source identification and, where relevant, archiving of test data;

(e) A description of the process for the recalculation of previously submitted inventory data;

(f) A description of the quality assurance and quality control plan, its implementation and the quality objectives established, and information on internal and external evaluation and review processes and their results in accordance with the guidelines for national systems;

(g) A description of the procedures for the official consideration and approval of the inventory.

39. If a Party has not performed all functions, except for those expressed in a non-mandatory language, in the guidelines for national systems, the Party shall provide an explanation of which functions were not performed or were only partially performed and information on the actions planned or taken to perform these functions in the future.

F. Policies and measures in accordance with Article 2

40. In providing information under part II, section V, of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (FCCC/CP/1999/7), each Annex I Party shall specifically address policies and measures implemented and/or further elaborated in order to [reduce or limit emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the Montreal Protocol] [meet its commitments under the Kyoto Protocol].

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO ARTICLE 4.2(e)(i) OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON POLICIES AND MEASURES)

41. [In addition, it shall identify steps taken to cooperate with other Parties to enhance the individual and combined effectiveness of their above-mentioned policies and measures pursuant to Article 4.2(e)(i) of the Convention.]

42. [With respect to the transport sector, each Annex I Party shall identify which steps it has taken through the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization in order to limit or reduce of emissions of GHGs not controlled by the Montreal Protocol from aviation and marine bunker fuels.]

43. [Information on the implementation of Article 2 of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular information on national policies and measures to mitigate climate change such as: energy efficiency improvement, development of new and renewable energy; national policies and measures to minimize the adverse effects on international trade, and social environmental and economic impacts on other Parties, especially developing country Parties.]

44. [All steps taken by the Annex I Party to comply with its commitments contained in Article 2.3 of the Protocol, including steps taken to remove subsidies and other market distortions and tax restructuring to reflect the GHG content of the emitting sources, and detailed information describing how and the extent to which each such step contributed to minimizing the adverse effects and impacts referred to in that article and in the information provided pursuant to paragraph (xx).]

[G. Domestic legislative arrangements and enforcement and administrative procedures

45. Each Annex I Party shall report any relevant information on its domestic legislative arrangements and enforcement and administrative procedures, according to its national circumstances. This information shall include:

(a) A description of the domestic legislative arrangements and enforcement and administrative procedures a Party has in place to meet its commitments under Articles 3.1, [4,] 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, including the legal authority for such programmes, how they are implemented [, and what resources are devoted to implementation];

(b) A description of the effectiveness of the above legislative arrangements and enforcement and administrative procedures, including a summary of action taken to identify, prevent, address, and enforce cases of non-compliance with domestic law; and

(c) A description of how information related to legislative arrangements and enforcement and administrative procedures (e.g. rules on enforcement and administrative procedures, action taken) is made public.]

[H. Information under Article 10

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46. Information on what and how technologies have been transferred by developed country Parties under Article 10 of the Protocol. A uniform reporting format could be designed for this purpose.

Option 2

47. Information on programmes and activities carried out pursuant to Article 10.]

[I. Information under Article 11

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48. Information on the implementation of Article 11 of the Kyoto Protocol, in particular, information on how the additional financial resources have been provided. A uniform reporting format could be designed for this purpose.

49. The annual contributions by the Annex I Party to each of the funds established by the Conference of the Parties with respect to Article 4.3, 4.5, 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention and to each of the funds established by the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol with respect to Articles 2.3, 3.14 and 12 of the Protocol, showing the date of each contribution since establishment of each fund;

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50. Information on new and additional financial resources to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in advancing the implementation of existing commitments under Article 4.1(a) of the Convention.]

**III. MODALITIES FOR ACCOUNTING FOR ASSIGNED AMOUNT
UNDER ARTICLE 7.4**

A. Establishment of initial assigned amount

51. [By 1 January 2007,] each Annex I Party [, including [those][each Party] operating under Article 4,] shall individually submit to the secretariat a report to establish its initial assigned amount and to demonstrate its capacity to account for its emissions and assigned amount during the commitment period. This report shall include the following information:

(a) A greenhouse gas inventory and national inventory report containing complete inventories for all years from 1990, or other approved base year under Article 3.5, to the most recent year available, including emissions and removals from land-use, land-use change and forestry, in accordance with paragraph 3 of these guidelines;

(b) Identification of its selected base year[s] under Article 3.8;

(c) Calculation of its initial assigned amount, pursuant to Article 3.7;

(d) Serial numbers for its entire initial assigned amount, in accordance with relevant decisions of the COP/MOP;

(e) A description of its national system for greenhouse gas estimation reported in accordance with paragraphs 38-39 of these guidelines;

(f) A description of its national registry for tracking its assigned amount reported in accordance with paragraph 30 of these guidelines.

52. [Any Party operating under Article 4 of the Protocol shall report the serial numbers of initial assigned amounts that it has transferred or acquired pursuant to its Article 4 arrangement, and identify each acquiring or transferring Party.]

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53. [The initial assigned amount of each Annex I Party, calculated pursuant to Article 3.7, shall be recorded in the secretariat's database for accounting for emissions and assigned amount. Once the initial assigned amount is recorded, it shall remain fixed for the duration of the commitment period.]

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54. [The initial assigned amount of each Annex I Party, calculated pursuant to Article 3.7, shall be recorded in the secretariat's database for accounting for emissions and assigned amount. Once the initial assigned amount is recorded, it shall remain fixed for the duration of the commitment period, unless the Party provides a revised estimate no later than in the 2012 inventory report and which is reviewed under Article 8.]

B. National registry requirements

(REPORTING ISSUES RELATED TO NATIONAL REGISTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MECHANISMS)

[C. Issuance and cancellation of assigned amounts related to Article 3.3 and 3.4

(MODALITIES FOR THE ISSUANCE AND CANCELLATION OF ASSIGNED AMOUNT IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 3.3 AND 3.4 WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER STAGE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LULUCF)

55. A Party shall only issue or cancel an assigned amount in its national registry, in relation to Article 3.3 and 3.4, after review of the inventory information submitted under Article 7.1 in accordance with the guidelines for inventory review under Article 8 and the resolution of any questions of implementation regarding the inventory information reported in relation to Article 3.3 and 3.4.

56. An assigned amount issued by the Party in accordance with paragraph 55 above shall match the inventory estimate in relation to Article 3.3 and 3.4, including any adjustments applied to the estimate.

57. Where a Party fails to meet the requirements of Articles 5.2 and 7.1 for the preparation and reporting of inventory estimates in relation to Article 3.3 and 3.4, then they shall not issue any assigned amount for such estimates until the Party has been determined to have met the requirements of Articles 5.2 and 7.1.]

IV. LANGUAGE

58. The information reported in accordance with these guidelines shall be submitted in one of the official languages of the United Nations. [Annex I Parties [shall][are encouraged to] submit [, where applicable, a translation of this information] [the information under Article 7.1] in English.] [Translation into English is encouraged.]

V. UPDATING

59. These guidelines shall be reviewed and revised, as appropriate, [by consensus,] in accordance with decisions of the COP/MOP, taking into account any relevant decisions of the COP.
