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National communications and greenhouse gas inventory data from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

Status report on the review of fourth national communications

**Status of submission and review of fourth national communications
and of reports demonstrating progress**

Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of fourth national communications, and of reports demonstrating progress under the Kyoto Protocol, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties).
2. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decisions 4/CP.8 and 22/CP.7, requested that fourth national communications and reports demonstrating progress be submitted to the secretariat by 1 January 2006. The COP, by its decision 4/CP.8, requested the secretariat to continue to apply the procedures for review of national communications, including in-depth reviews, as defined by decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3 and 11/CP.4. In addition, decision 7/CP.11 requested the secretariat to organize a centralized review of fourth national communications, submitted in accordance with decision 4/CP.8, and to conduct an in-country, in-depth review of the fourth national communication for those Parties that request one. Decisions 22/CMP.1 and 25/CP.8 set out the procedures for the review of national communications and reports demonstrating progress for Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
3. At the time of the preparation of this note, and as shown in the table below, the secretariat had received 40 fourth national communications¹ and 35 reports demonstrating progress under the Kyoto Protocol. All national communications and reports demonstrating progress under the Kyoto Protocol received so far have been posted on the UNFCCC website.²

¹ The term “fourth national communications” in this document includes the first, second and third national communications that were submitted during the period of time when the majority of Annex I Parties submitted their fourth national communication in accordance with decision 4/CP.8.

² <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/1395.php> and <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/3625.php>.

4. The secretariat coordinated three centralized reviews of fourth national communications and reports demonstrating progress under the Kyoto Protocol, from 5 to 10 June 2006, from 16 to 21 October 2006 and from 12 to 17 May 2008, in Bonn, Germany. It also coordinated in-country, in-depth reviews of the fourth national communications of Australia, Turkey and the United States of America. To date, fourth national communications from 29 Parties have been reviewed by international teams of experts and 26 reports of in-depth reviews of national communications have been published on the UNFCCC website.³

5. Eleven in-depth reviews of fourth national communications are still pending and could take place during 2009, subject to availability of resources. Timely organization of these reviews is important in order to provide feedback that Parties could take it into consideration when preparing the next national communication. Decision 10/CP.13 requests Annex I Parties to submit their fifth national communication by 1 January 2010. Decision 8/CMP.3 requests Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to include in the fifth national communications submitted under the Convention and decision 10/CP.13, the necessary supplementary information under the guidelines established under Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol.

Fourth national communications^a and reports demonstrating progress under the Kyoto Protocol from Annex I Parties: status of submissions and of preparation of review reports as at 28 October 2008

Annex I Party	Communication received (date)	Language of communication	Review dates	Status of review report	Document symbol	Submission date of report demonstrating progress
Australia	12 Dec. 2005	English	14–18 Apr. 2008	Under preparation	FCCC/IDR.4/AUS	– ^b
Austria	18 Oct. 2006	English	Planned			18 Oct. 2006
Belarus (NC2,3,4)	2 Apr. 2007	Russian and English	Planned			29 May 2006
Belgium	23 Dec. 2005	English and French	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/BEL	23 Dec. 2005
Bulgaria	31 Aug. 2 006	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/BGR	31 Aug. 2006
Canada	15 Mar. 2007	English and French	Planned			15 Nov. 2006
Croatia (NC2)	6 Feb. 2007	English	Planned			– ^b
Czech Republic	3 Feb. 2006	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/CZE	3 Feb. 2006
Denmark	30 Dec. 2005	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/DNK	30 Dec. 2005
Estonia	30 Dec. 2005	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/EST	30 Dec. 2005
European Community	10 Feb. 2006	English and French	Planned			22 Dec. 2005
Finland	10 Feb. 2006	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/FIN	14 Feb. 2006
France	7 July 2006	French	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/FRA	27 July 2006
Germany	19 Oct. 2006	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/DEU	1 Aug. 2006
Greece	10 Mar. 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/GRC	10 Mar. 2006
Hungary	10 Mar. 2006	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/HUN	17 Jan. 2006

³ <<http://maindb.unfccc.int/library/?screen=list&language=en&FLD1=dC&VAL1=/IDR&OPR1=contains>>.

Table (continued)

Annex I Party	Communication received (date)	Language of communication	Review dates	Status of review report	Document symbol	Submission date of report demonstrating progress
Iceland	28 Apr. 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/ISL	28 Apr. 2006
Ireland	30 Apr. 2007	English	Planned			16 Oct. 2006
Italy	29 Nov. 2007	English	Planned			11 Nov. 2006
Japan	6 Feb. 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/JPN	6 Feb. 2006
Latvia	24 May 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/LVA	24 May 2006
Liechtenstein	7 Apr. 2006	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/LIE	25 Sept. 2006
Lithuania (NC3,4)	28 Dec. 2005	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/LTU	6 Feb. 2006
Luxembourg (NC2)	Not received					Not received
Monaco	2 Mar. 2006	French	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/MCO	– ^b
Netherlands	22 Dec. 2005	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/NLD	22 Dec. 2005
New Zealand	4 May 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/NZL	4 May 2006
Norway	16 Feb. 2006	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/NOR	16 Feb. 2006
Poland	29 Dec. 2006	English	Planned			29 Dec. 2006
Portugal	26 July 2006	English	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/PRT	22 June 2006
Romania	4 Nov. 2006	English	Planned			31 Jan. 2006
Russian Federation	12 Oct. 2006	Russian	Planned			13 Feb. 2007
Slovakia	30 Dec. 2005	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/SVK	30 Dec. 2005
Slovenia	12 June 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/SVN	12 June 2006
Spain	23 Mar. 2006	Spanish	12–17 May 2008	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/ESP	21 Apr. 2006
Sweden	30 Dec. 2005	English	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/SWE	30 Dec. 2005
Switzerland	2 Dec. 2005	English and French	5–10 June 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/CHE	2 Dec. 2005
Turkey (NC1)	20 Feb. 2007	English	20–24 Oct. 2008	Under preparation	FCCC/IDR.4/TUR	– ^c
Ukraine (NC2)	27 June 2006	Russian	Planned			3 Nov. 2006
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15 May 2006	English	16–21 Oct. 2006	Published	FCCC/IDR.4/GBR	8 Mar. 2006
United States of America	27 July 2007	English	11–15 Feb. 2008	Under preparation	FCCC/IDR.4/USA	– ^c

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

^a The term “fourth national communications” includes the first, second and third national communications that were submitted during the period of time when the majority of Annex I Parties submitted their fourth national communication in accordance with decision 4/CP.8.

^b Annex I Parties that became Parties to the Kyoto Protocol after the due date of the reports demonstrating progress.

^c Annex I Parties that are not Parties to the Kyoto Protocol are not required to submit reports demonstrating progress.
