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**National communications and greenhouse gas inventory data from**

**Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

**Status of submission and review of fifth national communications**

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**Note by the secretariat**

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of fifth national communications under the UNFCCC and under its Kyoto Protocol, from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties).
2. The Conference of the Parties, by its decision 10/CP.13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their fifth national communications (NC5) by 1 January 2010, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention. Decision 8/CMP.3 requested Annex I Parties that are also Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to include, in their NC5s, the necessary supplementary information required under the guidelines for reporting supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol (contained in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1).
3. At the time of preparation of this note, and as shown in the table below, the secretariat had received 38 fifth national communications. All national communications received so far have been posted on the UNFCCC website.<sup>1</sup>
4. In accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 33/CP.7 and 4/CP.8 national communications from Annex I Parties are subject to in-depth review. Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) specify that each national communication of Annex I Parties is subject to a scheduled in-country, in-depth review. This in-depth review encompasses review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol and also encompasses review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 1,

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<sup>1</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/annex\\_i\\_natcom/submitted\\_natcom/items/4903.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/4903.php)>.

of the Kyoto Protocol on the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14, reported under Article 7, paragraph 1.

5. In accordance with the guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, the expert review teams shall make every effort to complete the individual review of national communications within two years of their submission. The secretariat plans to organize 13 in-depth reviews of NC5s in 2010, and the remaining in-depth reviews of NC5s within two years of the submission of the national communication, subject to the availability of resources.

6. By the time of preparation of this note, the secretariat had coordinated two in-country reviews of NC5s: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1 to 5 March 2010, and Portugal from 26 April to 1 May 2010. The secretariat is planning to review NC5s of Finland, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Ireland, Denmark and Norway during May–June 2010.

7. In addition, during 2006–2009 the secretariat completed the coordination of four centralized reviews (including 37 reports) and three in-country reviews of fourth<sup>2</sup> national communications from Annex I Parties (which were due to be submitted by 1 January 2006). Review reports of all Parties reviewed have been published on the UNFCCC website.<sup>3</sup>

**Table. Submission of the fifth<sup>4</sup> national communications and actual or planned review dates**

Party	National communication received	Language of national communication	Actual/planned review dates <sup>a</sup>
Australia	12 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Austria	16 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Belarus <sup>b</sup>	30 December 2009	Russian	Planning in progress
Belgium	4 December 2009	English and French	Planning in progress
Bulgaria	12 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Canada	12 February 2010	English and French	Planning in progress
Croatia	12 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Czech Republic	30 November 2009	English	21–26 June 2010
Denmark	31 December 2009	English	21–26 June 2010
Estonia	12 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
European Union	7 December 2009	English	Planning in progress
Finland	23 December 2009	English	3–8 May 2010
France	2 December 2009	French	Planning in progress
Germany	14 January 2010	English	Planning in progress
Greece	18 January 2010	English	Planning in progress
Hungary	10 December 2009	English	Tentatively planned for 11–16 October 2010
Iceland	12 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Ireland	12 February 2010	English	21–26 June 2010
Italy	17 March 2010	English	Planning in progress
Japan	21 December 2009	English	Tentatively planned for 18–13 November 2010
Latvia	16 March 2010	English	Planning in progress

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> <[http://unfccc.int/national\\_reports/annex\\_i\\_natcom/idr\\_reports/items/4056.php](http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/idr_reports/items/4056.php)>.

<sup>4</sup> The term “fifth national communications” includes the second, third and fourth national communications that were submitted during the period of time when the majority of Annex I Parties submitted their fifth national communication in accordance with decision 10/CP.13.

**Table (continued)**

<b>Party</b>	<b>National communication received</b>	<b>Language of national communication</b>	<b>Actual/planned review dates<sup>a</sup></b>
Liechtenstein	25 January 2010	English	Planning in progress
Lithuania	13 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Luxembourg (NC2, 3, 4 and 5)	14 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Monaco	Not received	NA	NA
Netherlands	19 December 2009	English	Planning in progress
New Zealand	23 December 2009	English	30 August to 4 September 2010
Norway	22 January 2010	English	10–15 May 2010
Poland	16 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Portugal	30 December 2009	English	26 April to 1 May 2010
Romania	22 January 2010	English	Planning in progress
Russian Federation	12 February 2010	Russian	Planning in progress
Slovakia	15 February 2010	English	Planning in progress
Slovenia	6 April 2010	English	Planning in progress
Spain	18 December 2009	Spanish	Tentatively planned for 18–23 October 2010
Sweden	4 February 2010	English	Tentatively planned for 8–13 November 2010
Switzerland	14 December 2009	English	17–22 May 2010
Turkey	Not received	NA	NA
Ukraine (NC3, 4 and 5)	29 December 2009	Russian	Planning in progress
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 June 2009	English	1–5 March 2010
Unites States of America	Not received	NA	NA

<sup>a</sup> The table specifies the dates of the review of the fifth national communications only for those Parties with whom the dates had been agreed by the time of the preparation of this note. The planning of the remaining reviews are in progress.

*Abbreviation:* NA = not applicable.

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