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Revised note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of fifth national communications (NC5s) under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 3 June 2011.
2. The Conference of the Parties, by its decision 10/CP.13, requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC5s 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 40 NC5s. All national communications received so far have been posted on the UNFCCC website.¹
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. The “Guidelines for review under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol” (contained in the annex to decision 22/CMP.1) (hereinafter referred to as the Article 8 review guidelines) specify that each national communication submitted by an Annex I Party shall be subject to a scheduled in-country, in-depth review. This in-depth review encompasses the review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol and also the review of the supplementary information under Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol on the minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14.

¹ <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/4903.php>.

5. In accordance with decision 10/CMP.6, the secretariat organized centralized reviews of NC5s for the following Parties with total greenhouse gas emissions of less than 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry) in accordance with their most recent greenhouse gas inventory submission: Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia.

6. In accordance with the Article 8 review guidelines, the expert review teams shall make every effort to complete the individual review of national communications within two years of their submission. As at 3 June 2011, the secretariat had organized 32 in-depth reviews of NC5s and it is planning to organize the remaining in-depth reviews of NC5s within two years of their submission, subject to the availability of resources. While the remaining reviews are planned for late 2011 to early 2012, coordinating such a number of reviews might not be possible, owing mainly to difficulties in scheduling the reviews stemming from the large number of other meetings convened under the UNFCCC process. The table below presents the status of submission and review of NC5s.

Submission of fifth^a national communications, review dates and status of the preparation of the review reports, as at 3 June 2011

<i>Party</i>	<i>Communication received (date)</i>	<i>Language of communication</i>	<i>Review dates^b</i>	<i>Status of review report^c</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>
Australia	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Austria	16 Feb. 10	English	24–29 Jan. 2011	Under preparation	–
Belarus	30 Dec. 09	Russian, English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Belgium	4 Dec. 09	English, French	31 Jan. to 5 Feb. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/BEL
Bulgaria	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Canada	12 Feb. 10	English, French	16–21 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Croatia	12 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Czech Republic	30 Nov. 09	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CZE
Denmark	31 Dec. 09	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/DNK
Estonia	12 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Under preparation	–
European Union	7 Dec. 09	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Finland	23 Dec. 09	English	3–8 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/FIN
France	2 Dec. 09	French, abstract in English	23–28 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Germany	14 Jan. 10	English	14–19 Mar. 2011	Under preparation	–
Greece	18 Jan. 10	English	31 Jan. to 5 Feb. 2011	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/GRC
Hungary	10 Dec. 09	English	18–23 Oct. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/HUN
Iceland	12 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Ireland	12 Feb. 10	English	21–26 June 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/IRL
Italy	17 Mar. 10	English	28 Mar. to 2 Apr. 2011	Under preparation	–
Japan	21 Dec. 09	English	8–13 Nov. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/JPN

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Latvia	16 Mar. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Liechtenstein	25 Jan. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Lithuania	13 Feb. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Luxembourg (NC2, 3, 4 and 5)	14 Feb. 10	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Monaco	25 Mar. 11	French	9–14 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Netherlands	19 Dec. 09	English	28 Mar. to 2 Apr. 2011	Under preparation	–
New Zealand	23 Dec. 09	English	23–28 Aug. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/NZL
Norway	22 Jan. 10	English	10–15 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/NOR
Poland	16 Feb. 10	English	11–16 Apr. 2011	Under preparation	–
Portugal	30 Dec. 09	English	26 April to 1 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/PRT
Romania	22 Jan. 10	English	16–21 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Russian Federation	12 Feb. 10	Russian	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–
Slovakia	15 Feb. 10	English	9–14 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Slovenia	6 Apr. 10	English	2–7 May 2011	Under preparation	–
Spain	18 Dec. 09	Spanish	18–23 Oct. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/ESP
Sweden	4 Feb. 10	English	8–13 Nov. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/SWE
Switzerland	14 Dec. 09	English	17–22 May 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/CHE
Turkey	Not received	–	–	–	–
Ukraine (NC3, 4 and 5)	29 Dec. 09	Russian	14–19 Mar. 2011	Under preparation	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12 June 09	English	1–5 Mar. 2010	Published	FCCC/IDR.5/GBR
United States of America	28 May 2010	English	Planned for 2011–2012	–	–

Abbreviation: NC = national communication.

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

^b 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 is in progress.

^c Reports of in-depth reviews of national communications marked as “published” in the table have been published on the UNFCCC website or have been submitted for publication. These are or will be available at <http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/idr_reports/items/4056.php>.