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Status of submission and review of seventh national communications and third biennial reports

Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of seventh national communications (NCs) and third biennial reports (BRs) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 20 August 2019.
2. The Conference of the Parties (COP) requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC7s no later than four years after 1 January 2014¹ and their BR2s and subsequent BRs two years after the due date of a full NC.² The due date for BR3s and NC7s was 1 January 2018 and for BR4s it is 1 January 2020.
3. In addition, COP 17 adopted the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” and decided that developed country Parties shall use them for the preparation of their BRs.³ COP 18 adopted the common tabular format (CTF) for those guidelines⁴ and COP 21 revised it and decided that developed country Parties shall use the revised format when preparing and submitting their BRs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17.⁵
4. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received NC7s from 41 Annex I Parties. The NC7s of Belarus, Ukraine and the United States of America had not yet been submitted. A total of 29 Annex I Parties submitted their NC7s before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 9/CP.16, while 12 Annex I Parties submitted their NC7s after that date (6 submitted them within six weeks after that date). All NCs received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.⁶ The dates of submission and of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.
5. In addition, at the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received 41 sets of BR3s and corresponding BR3 CTF tables from Annex I Parties. The BR3s and BR3

* Session dates are tentative.

¹ Decision 9/CP.16, para. 5.

² Decision 2/CP.17, para. 13.

³ Decision 2/CP.17, paras. 12–13.

⁴ Decision 19/CP.18, para. 1.

⁵ Decision 9/CP.21, para. 8.

⁶ <https://unfccc.int/node/28527>.



CTF tables of Belarus, Ukraine and the United States had not yet been submitted. A total of 31 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3s and 29 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3 CTF tables before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, while 10 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3s and 12 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3 CTF tables after that date. Following the review of the BR3s, 11 Parties resubmitted their BR3 CTF tables and 5 Parties resubmitted their BR3 or NC7. All BR3s and BR3 CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.⁷ The dates of submission and of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.

6. COP 20 decided that the “Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention” shall be used for the review of BRs, effectively starting with BR2s in 2016.⁸ Those guidelines state that, in the years in which NCs and BRs are submitted together, both will be subject to an in-country review and that Annex I Parties with total emissions of less than 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry) according to their most recent greenhouse gas inventory submission, with the exception of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, may choose for their NCs to undergo a centralized review.⁹

7. As at 20 August 2019, the secretariat had coordinated and completed the reviews of all 41 NC7s and BR3s received. In accordance with the provision referred to in paragraph 6 above, centralized reviews of NC7s and BR3s were organized by the secretariat for 10 Parties: Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia. In-depth review reports for the NC7s and technical review reports for the BR3s of all the reviewed Parties have been published (see the table below).

⁷ <https://unfccc.int/node/28528>.

⁸ Decision 13/CP.20, para. 2.

⁹ Decision 13/CP.20, annex, paras. 18 and 116.

Dates of submission and review of seventh national communications and third biennial reports

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>Date(s) national communication received</i>	<i>Date(s) biennial report received</i>	<i>Date(s) common tabular format tables received</i>	<i>Language(s) of submission</i>	<i>Dates of review week</i>	<i>Date(s) of publication of reports</i>	<i>Document symbols</i>
Australia	28 Dec. 2017 4 May 2018 15 June 2018 ^a	28 Dec. 2017 4 May 2018 15 June 2018 ^a	28 Dec. 2017 14 May 2018 31 May 2018 ^a	English	28 May to 2 June 2018	2 Oct. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/AUS FCCC/TRR.3/AUS
Austria	8 Feb. 2018	28 Dec. 2017 8 Feb. 2018	28 Dec. 2017 12 Feb. 2019 ^a	English	28 Jan. to 2 Feb. 2019	23 May 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/AUT FCCC/TRR.3/AUT
Belarus	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	–	–
Belgium	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	English	25–30 Mar. 2019	12 July 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/BEL FCCC/TRR.3/BEL
Bulgaria	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017 22 Feb. 2019 ^a	English	4–9 Feb. 2019	24 May 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/BGR FCCC/TRR.3/BGR
Canada	29 Dec. 2017 5 Mar. 2018	29 Dec. 2017 5 Mar. 2018	29 Dec. 2017 5 Mar. 2018	English French	9–14 Apr. 2018	29 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/CAN FCCC/TRR.3/CAN
Croatia	2 May 2018 1 Oct. 2018 ^a	2 May 2018 1 Oct. 2018 ^a	2 May 2018	English	21–26 May 2018	19 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/HRV FCCC/TRR.3/HRV
Cyprus	22 Feb. 2018	22 Feb. 2018	26 Feb. 2018	English	21–26 May 2018	8 Oct. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/CYP FCCC/TRR.3/CYP
Czechia	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	9 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/CZE FCCC/TRR.3/CZE
Denmark	1 Jan. 2018 21 Jan. 2018	1 Jan. 2018 21 Jan. 2018	1 Jan. 2018 10 Oct. 2018 ^a	English	24–29 Sept. 2018	6 Feb. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/DNK FCCC/TRR.3/DNK
Estonia	30 Dec. 2017 9 Mar. 2018 ^a	29 Dec. 2017 9 Mar. 2018 ^a	29 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	3 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/EST FCCC/TRR.3/EST
European Union	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	English	5–10 Mar. 2018	20 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/EU FCCC/TRR.3/EU

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Finland	13 Dec. 2017	13 Dec. 2017	13 Dec. 2017	English	19–24 Mar. 2018	27 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/FIN FCCC/TRR.3/FIN
France	29 Dec. 2017 (French)	28 Dec. 2017 (French)	12 Jan. 2018 (English)	French English	9–14 Apr. 2018	15 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/FRA FCCC/TRR.3/FRA
	22 Feb. 2018 (English)	22 Feb. 2018 (English)					
Germany	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	28 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/DEU FCCC/TRR.3/DEU
Greece	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	4–9 Feb. 2019	23 May 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/GRC FCCC/TRR.3/GRC
Hungary	10 Jan. 2018	10 Jan. 2018	10 Jan. 2018	English	19–24 Mar. 2018	2 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/HUN FCCC/TRR.3/HUN
Iceland	16 Mar. 2018 21 Mar. 2018	16 Mar. 2018 21 Mar. 2018	12 Feb. 2018	English	17–22 Sept. 2018	1 Feb. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/ISL FCCC/TRR.3/ISL
Ireland	30 Mar. 2018	30 Mar. 2018	30 Mar. 2018 21 Nov. 2018 ^a	English	5–10 Nov. 2018	13 Mar. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/IRL FCCC/TRR.3/IRL
Italy	22 Dec. 2017 19 Jan. 2018	24 Dec. 2017	24 Dec. 2017	English	21–26 May 2018	12 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/ITA FCCC/TRR.3/ITA
Japan	22 Dec. 2017 27 Feb. 2019 ^a	22 Dec. 2017 29 Jan. 2019 ^a 27 Feb. 2019 ^a	22 Dec. 2017 27 Feb. 2019 ^a	English	28 May to 2 June 2018	24 Jan. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/JPN FCCC/TRR.3/JPN
Kazakhstan	31 Dec. 2017	31 Dec. 2017	1 Jan. 2018	English	1–6 Apr. 2019	26 July 2019 29 July 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/KAZ FCCC/TRR.3/KAZ
Latvia	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	26 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/LVA FCCC/TRR.3/LVA
Liechtenstein	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	29 June 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/LIE FCCC/TRR.3/LIE

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Lithuania	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	3 Jan. 2018	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	11 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/LTU FCCC/TRR.3/LTU
Luxembourg	11 Feb. 2018	28 Feb. 2018	28 Feb. 2018 26 Nov. 2018 ^a	English	12–17 Nov. 2018	13 Mar. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/LUX FCCC/TRR.3/LUX
Malta	12 Feb. 2018	12 Feb. 2018	13 Feb. 2018	English	21–26 May 2018	8 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/MLT FCCC/TRR.3/MLT
Monaco	12 Feb. 2018	14 Feb. 2018	14 Feb. 2018	French	12–17 Mar. 2018	4 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/MCO FCCC/TRR.3/MCO
Netherlands	29 Dec. 2017 14 Feb. 2018	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017 14 Feb. 2018 7 Mar. 2018 ^a	English	5–10 Mar. 2018	1 Aug. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/NLD FCCC/TRR.3/NLD
New Zealand	21 Dec. 2017	21 Dec. 2017	21 Dec. 2017 8 Mar. 2019 ^a	English	18–23 Feb. 2019	7 June 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/NZL FCCC/TRR.3/NZL
Norway	29 Jan. 2018 18 Apr. 2018 ^a	29 Jan. 2018 18 Apr. 2018 ^a	29 Jan. 2018 19 Apr. 2018 ^a	English	16–21 Apr. 2018	5 Sept. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/NOR FCCC/TRR.3/NOR
Poland	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	11–16 June 2018	5 Feb. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/POL FCCC/TRR.3/POL
Portugal	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017 8 Mar. 2019 ^a	English	18–23 Feb. 2019	12 June 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/PRT FCCC/TRR.3/PRT
Romania	27 Dec. 2017	27 Dec. 2017	27 Dec. 2017	English	4–9 June 2018	23 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/ROU FCCC/TRR.3/ROU
Russian Federation	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	31 Dec. 2017 (English)	Russian	1–6 Oct. 2018	22 Jan. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/RUS FCCC/TRR.3/RUS
Slovakia	15 Dec. 2017	15 Dec. 2017	15 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 Mar. 2018	11 July 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/SVK FCCC/TRR.3/SVK
Slovenia	13 Mar. 2018	13 Mar. 2018	13 Mar. 2018	English	21–26 May 2018	21 Sept. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/SVN FCCC/TRR.3/SVN

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Spain	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	Spanish	28 May to 2 June 2018	29 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/ESP FCCC/TRR.3/ESP
Sweden	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017 19 Jan. 2018	English	17–22 Sept. 2018	31 Jan. 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/SWE FCCC/TRR.3/SWE
Switzerland	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	English	18–23 Mar. 2019	7 August 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/CHE FCCC/TRR.3/CHE
Turkey	26 Dec. 2018	1 Jan. 2018 26 Dec. 2018	1 Jan. 2018 24 Dec. 2018	English	18–23 Feb. 2019	17 June 2019	FCCC/IDR.7/TUR FCCC/TRR.3/TUR
Ukraine	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	–	–
United Kingdom	30 Dec. 2017	30 Dec. 2017	30 Dec. 2017	English	4–9 June 2018	19 Nov. 2018	FCCC/IDR.7/GBR FCCC/TRR.3/GBR
United States	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	–	–

^a Resubmission after the review week.