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Status of submission and review of national communications and biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

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Note by the secretariat



Abbreviations and acronyms

Annex I Party	Party included in Annex I to the Convention
BR	biennial report
COP	Conference of the Parties
CTF	common tabular format
NC	national communication

1. This document provides information on the status of submission and review of NC8s and BR5s from Annex I Parties as at 8 May 2023.
2. The COP 25 requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC8s and BR5s to the secretariat no later than 31 December 2022.¹
3. In addition, COP 17 adopted the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” and decided that developed country Parties shall use them when preparing their BRs.² COP 18 adopted the CTF for those guidelines³ 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.17.⁴
4. At the time of preparation of this document, the secretariat had received NC8s from 37 Annex I Parties. Croatia, Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Luxembourg, Türkiye and Ukraine had not yet submitted theirs. A total of 28 Annex I Parties submitted their NC8s before the due date of submission, while 9 Annex I Parties submitted their NC8s after that date (7 within six weeks after that date). All submissions received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.⁵
5. In addition, the secretariat had received 36 BR5s, including corresponding BR5 CTF tables, from Annex I Parties. Croatia, Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Luxembourg, Türkiye and Ukraine had not yet submitted their BR5s or BR5 CTF tables. Liechtenstein had not submitted its BR5 CTF tables. A total of 28 Annex I Parties submitted their BR5s and 26 Annex I Parties submitted their BR5 CTF tables before the due date of submission, while 9 Annex I Parties submitted their BR5s and their BR5 CTF tables after that date.
6. Following the review of BR5s and NC8s in February–March 2023, 7 of 12 reviewed Parties resubmitted their BR5 CTF tables and/or BR5 and/or NC8. All BR5s and BR5 CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.⁶
7. 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, starting with BR2s in 2016.⁷ The 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.⁸
8. As at 8 May 2023, the secretariat had coordinated the reviews of 14 Parties’ NC8s and BR5s. Seven 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 2022 greenhouse gas inventory submission (Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Monaco, Slovakia and Slovenia) opted for a centralized review, which took place from 27 to 31 March 2023 in Bonn. In-country reviews for five Parties (European Union, Finland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Spain and United States of America) were conducted in February–March 2023 and the in-country reviews for Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were conducted in April 2023.
9. The technical reports on the review of the NC8s and BR5s of the 12 Parties reviewed in February–March 2023 will feed into the multilateral assessment that will take place during the fifty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. The remaining reviews are being planned.

¹ Decision 6/CP.25, para. 3.

² Decision 2/CP.17, paras. 12–13.

³ Decision 19/CP.18, para. 1.

⁴ Decision 9/CP.21, para. 8.

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/NC8>.

⁶ <https://unfccc.int/node/2852>.

⁷ Decision 13/CP.20, para. 2.

⁸ Decision 13/CP.20, annex, paras. 18 and 116.

10. The table below presents the dates of submission and review of NC8s, BR5s and BR5 CTF tables as at the time of preparation of this document.

Dates of submission and review of eighth national communications and fifth biennial reports as at 8 May 2023

<i>Annex I Party</i>	<i>Date(s) NC8 received</i>	<i>Date(s) BR5 received</i>	<i>Date(s) CTF tables received</i>	<i>Language(s) of submission</i>	<i>Date resubmission as a result of review received</i>	<i>Dates of review week</i>
Australia	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	English	—	To be confirmed
Austria	29 Dec. 2022	29 Dec. 2022	29 Dec. 2022	English	—	8–12 May 2023
Belarus	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022	Russian	—	16–20 Oct. 2023
Belgium	21 Dec. 2022	21 Dec. 2022	21 Dec. 2022	English	—	To be confirmed
Bulgaria	23 Dec. 2022 31 Mar. 2023	23 Dec. 2022 31 Mar. 2023	23 Dec. 2022 31 Mar. 2023	English	31 Mar. 2023 BR5, BR5 CTF tables and NC8	27–31 Mar. 2023
Canada	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	English French	—	To be confirmed
Croatia	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	—	—	To be confirmed
Cyprus	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022	3 Jan. 2023	English	—	15–19 May 2023
Czechia	6 Jan. 2023	6 Jan. 2023	6 Jan. 2023	English	—	11–15 Sep. 2023
Denmark	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	English	—	23–27 Oct. 2023
Estonia	29 Dec. 2022 3 Feb. 2023 30 Mar. 2023	30 Dec. 2022 3 Feb. 2023	30 Dec. 2022 3 Feb. 2023	English	30 Mar. 2023 NC8 corrigendum	27–31 Mar. 2023
European Union	20 Dec. 2022	20 Dec. 2022	20 Dec. 2022	English	23 Mar. 2023 BR5 CTF tables	27 Feb.–3 Mar. 2023
Finland	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	English	—	20–24 Mar. 2023
France	6 Jan. 2023 2 Mar. 2023	6 Jan. 2023	2 Mar. 2023	English French	—	22–26 May 2023
Germany	3 Feb. 2023	3 Feb. 2023	23 Dec. 2022	English	—	11–15 Sep. 2023
Greece	14 Dec. 2022	14 Dec. 2022	14 Dec. 2022	English	—	15–19 May 2023
Hungary	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	—	—	To be confirmed

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Iceland	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	To be confirmed
Ireland	20 Feb. 2023	20 Feb. 2023	20 Feb. 2023	English	–	24–28 Apr. 2023
Italy	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022	English	–	23–27 Oct. 2023
Japan	23 Dec. 2022	27 Dec. 2022	27 Dec. 2022	English	–	To be confirmed
Kazakhstan	30 Dec. 2022	30 Dec. 2022 13 Feb. 2023	14 Feb. 2023	English Russian	–	To be confirmed
Kingdom of the Netherlands	2 Dec. 2022	2 Dec. 2022	2 Dec. 2022 27 Mar. 2023	English	–	13–17 Mar. 2023
Latvia	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	English	–	27–31 Mar. 2023
Liechtenstein	10 Jan. 2023	10 Jan. 2023	Not yet submitted	–	–	To be confirmed
Lithuania	5 Jan. 2023	5 Jan. 2023	6 Mar. 2023	English	6 Mar. 2023 BR5 CTF tables	27–31 Mar. 2023
Luxembourg	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	To be confirmed
Malta	23 Dec. 2022	23 Dec. 2022	23 Dec. 2022	English	–	22–26 May 2023
Monaco	16 Dec. 2022	16 Dec. 2022	16 Dec. 2022 31 Mar. 2023	French	31 Mar. 2023 BR5 CTF tables	27–31 Mar. 2023
New Zealand	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	22 Dec. 2022	English	–	30 Oct.–3 Nov. 2023
Norway	21 Dec. 2022 30 Mar. 2023	21 Dec. 2022 30 Mar. 2023	21 Dec. 2022	English	–	To be confirmed
Poland	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	English	–	To be confirmed
Portugal	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	28 Dec. 2022	English	–	To be confirmed
Romania	30 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	English	–	11–15 Sep. 2023
Russian Federation	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	31 Dec. 2022	Russian	–	16–20 Oct. 2023
Slovakia	3 Feb. 2023	3 Feb. 2023	3 Feb. 2023	English	–	27–31 Mar. 2023

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Slovenia	16 Feb. 2023	16 Feb. 2023	20 Feb. 2023	English	–	27–31 Mar. 2023
Spain	14 Dec. 2022 30 Mar. 2023	14 Dec. 2022	14 Dec. 2022 30 Mar. 2023	Spanish	30 Mar. 2023 BR5 CTF tables and NC8 corrigendum	13–17 Mar. 2023
Sweden	3 Mar. 2023	3 Mar. 2023	6 Mar. 2023	English	–	18–22 Sep. 2023
Switzerland	16 Sep. 2022	16 Sep. 2022	16 Sep. 2022	English	–	To be confirmed
Türkiye	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	To be confirmed
Ukraine	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	–	–	To be confirmed
United Kingdom	5 Aug. 2022 22 Dec. 2022	5 Aug. 2022 22 Dec. 2022	5 Aug. 2022 22 Dec. 2022	English	–	24–28 Apr. 2023
United States	29 Dec. 2022	29 Dec. 2022	29 Dec. 2022 17 Mar. 2023	English	17 Mar. 2023 BR5 CTF tables 4 Apr. 2023 BR5 and NC8 corrigendum	13–17 Mar. 2023