

Draft decision x/CP.16

National communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), Article 12 and other relevant provisions of the Convention,

Further recalling decisions 2/CP.1, 3/CP.1, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 4/CP.5, 26/CP.7, 33/CP.7, 4/CP.8, 1/CP.9, 7/CP.11 and 10/CP.13,

Emphasizing that the national communications and annual greenhouse gas inventories submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention are the main source of information for reviewing the implementation of the Convention by these Parties, and that the reports of the in-depth reviews of these national communications provide important additional information for this purpose,

1. *Acknowledges* the considerable improvement in timeliness of the submission of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), with 16 Annex I Parties submitting their fifth national communications before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 10/CP.13, although 23 Annex I Parties submitted after that date and two Annex I Parties have yet to submit their fifth national communications.
 2. *Urges* Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted their national communications in accordance with decision 10/CP.13 to do so as a matter of priority;
 3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare the compilation and synthesis of fifth national communications for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session;
 4. *Concludes* that the review of national communications and the consideration of the outcomes of this review have proved useful and should continue in accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3 and 11/CP.4;
 5. *Requests* Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 January 2014, a sixth national communication, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention, with a view to submitting a seventh national communication no later than four years after this date.
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