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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
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Agenda item 4 (a)

**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS AND OF OTHER  
PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARTIES INCLUDED IN  
ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

At its eleventh session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,, decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session:

**Draft decision -CP.5**

**Guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories  
from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular Articles 4 and 7 thereof,

*Recalling* its decision 11/CP.4 on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

*Having considered* the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

*Recognizing* the need to enhance the in-depth review of greenhouse gas inventories,

1. *Adopts* for a trial period covering inventory submissions due in 2000 and 2001 the guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories of Annex I Parties;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct annual initial checks and an annual synthesis and assessment of greenhouse gas inventories for all Annex I Parties beginning in 2000, according to the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct, during the trial period, individual reviews of the greenhouse gas inventories for a limited number of Annex I Parties on a voluntary basis, according to the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to use different approaches to individual reviews by coordinating specifically:
  - (a) Five to seven desk reviews per year and two centralized reviews per year, each covering five to ten inventories, and
  - (b) Three or four in-country reviews per year;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to produce a report on the technical review, assessing, *inter alia*, the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches, including human and financial resource requirements, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation as soon as practicable after the end of the trial period;
6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to evaluate the experience with the technical review based on the secretariat report, with a view to adopting revised guidelines for the technical review of inventories at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Invites* Annex I Parties which are in a position to do so, to subject their inventories to an individual review during the trial period and to designate a government focal point for the coordination of the review;
8. *Urges* Annex I Parties to facilitate the review of their inventories by responding to the secretariat's requests for additional information or comments in a timely manner;
9. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that experts participating in the technical review of inventories have adequate time and, as appropriate, financial support to participate in the reviews;

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/1999/L.11/Add.1

10. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on progress with the implementation of this decision at the session held in conjunction with the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;

11. *Decides* to initiate the individual review of inventories for all Annex I Parties in 2003.

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