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ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION**

Status report on the review of third national communications

Note by the secretariat

1. The present note provides information on the status of submission of third national communications from Annex I Parties and on the reviews coordinated by the secretariat. In accordance with decision 11/CP.4 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its fourth session,¹ third national communications should have been submitted to the secretariat by 30 November 2001. The COP, by its decision 33/CP.7,² requested the secretariat to apply procedures for the review of third national communications, including in-depth reviews, as defined in decisions 2/CP.1 and 6/CP.3.³
2. At the time of the preparation of this note the secretariat has received national communications from 22 Annex I Parties. Thirteen of these communications were submitted on or before the due date. All the national communications received so far have been posted on the secretariat web site.⁴
3. The secretariat has started the in-depth reviews of third national communications in the first half of 2002. To date, three Parties have been visited by international teams of experts and a number of review visits are planned for the second half of this year.
4. The table below contains summary information on the status of submission of third national communications and on their review. The secretariat intends to develop a more detailed schedule of in-depth reviews for the period 2002-2003 and to present it to the seventeenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

¹ For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, see document FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1.

² For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session, see document FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add.1-4.

³ For the full texts of decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first and third sessions, see documents FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1 and FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1, respectively.

⁴ See <http://unfccc.int/resource/natcom/nctable.html#a1>

Table. Third national communications (submission due date 30 November 2001): status of submission and in-depth review as at 29 May 2002

Annex I Party	Communication received (date)	Language of the communication	Review visit (dates)	Status of the IDR report*	Notes
Australia					
Austria	29 November 01	English			
Belarus					
Belgium	29 April 2002	English			
Bulgaria					
Canada	19 February 02	English and French	17-21 June 02		
Croatia (NC1)	7 February 02	English	4-8 March 02	published	FCCC/IDR.1/HRV and Add.1
Czech Republic	28 December 01	English	15-19 July 02		
Denmark					
Estonia	30 November 01	English			
European Community	21 December 01	English			
Finland	20 November 01	English			
France	30 November 01	English and French	13-17 May 02	under preparation	
Germany					
Greece					
Hungary					
Iceland					
Ireland					
Italy					
Japan					
Latvia	30 November 01	English	8-12 July 02		
Liechtenstein	10 April 02	English			
Lithuania					
Luxembourg					
Monaco	2 November 01	French			
Netherlands	23 November 01				
New Zealand	30 November 01	English	24-28 June 02		
Norway	8 May 02	English	7-11 October 02		
Poland	30 November 01	English			
Portugal					
Romania					
Russian Federation					
Slovakia	24 October 01	English	September 02		
Slovenia					
Spain	1 April 02	Spanish			
Sweden	30 November 01	English			
Switzerland	7 November 01	English	18-22 March 02	under preparation	
Ukraine					
United Kingdom	30 October 01	English	14-18 October 02		
United States of America	28 May 02	English			

* IDR indicates in-depth review.