

Decision 6/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 from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;¹
2. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct annual initial checks and an annual synthesis and assessment of greenhouse gas inventories for all Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) beginning in 2000, in accordance with 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 which have volunteered to be reviewed, in accordance with 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;

¹ See FCCC/CP/1999/7.

5. *Requests* the secretariat to produce a report on the technical reviews, assessing, *inter alia*, the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches, including human and financial resource requirements, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) as soon as practicable after the end of the trial period;
6. *Requests* the SBI to evaluate, on the basis of the secretariat report, the experience with the technical review, 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 volunteer 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;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the SBI, at its thirteenth session, on progress with the implementation of this decision;
11. *Decides* to initiate the individual review of inventories for all Annex I Parties in 2003.

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4 November 1999*