

Decision 20/CP.18

Status of submission and review of fifth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and compilation and synthesis of fifth national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 2, Article 3, paragraph 1, Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), Article 12 and other relevant provisions of the Convention,

Also 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, 10/CP.13, 9/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Emphasizing that the national communications and annual greenhouse gas inventories submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) 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,

Welcoming the work of the secretariat in preparing the compilation and synthesis of the fifth national communications,¹

Acknowledging the considerable improvement in the timeliness of the submission of national communications from Annex I Parties and noting that 16 Annex I Parties submitted their fifth national communications before the due date in accordance with decision 10/CP.13, although 24 submitted after that date and one Party has yet to submit its national communication,

1. *Urges* the Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Party) that has not yet submitted the fifth national communication in accordance with decision 10/CP.13 to do so as a matter of priority;
2. *Requests* Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat their future national communications, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention, in a timely manner in accordance with decisions 9/CP.16 and 2/CP.17.

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7 December 2012*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.1 and Add.1 and 2.