

Decision 6/CP.3

Communications 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, its decision 2/CP.1 on review of first communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, decision 3/CP.1 on preparation and submission of national communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, decision 4/CP.1 on methodological issues and decision 9/CP.2 on the guidelines, schedule and process for consideration of communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and those of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

1. *Calls upon* the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), when submitting annually national greenhouse gas inventories, to follow the relevant parts of the revised UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Annex I Parties, as well as the relevant conclusions of the fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

2. *Requests* the Convention secretariat:

(a) To prepare a full compilation and synthesis of second national communications from Annex I Parties for consideration at its fourth session;

(b) To collect, process and publish, on a regular basis, national greenhouse gas inventories submitted annually by Annex I Parties in accordance with decision 9/CP.2. In those years when the compilation and synthesis of national communications is prepared inventory data should be included. Publication of inventory data may be accompanied by relevant documentation prepared by the secretariat, for example, on evaluating compliance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines or addressing methodological or other issues related to reporting greenhouse gas emissions. It may also include or refer to relevant data from authoritative sources;

3. *Decides* that:

(a) In-depth reviews of second national communications from Annex I Parties should, as a general rule, include visits of review teams co-ordinated by the secretariat, based on the schedule of these reviews and on a visit programme agreed between the host countries and the secretariat. Parties concerned are urged to submit their comments on the draft in-

depth review reports produced by the review teams, if possible not later than eight weeks following receipt of the drafts;

(b) Executive summaries of national communications will be published in their original language as official UNFCCC documents, and also translated into the other official languages of the United Nations if they are less than 15 pages long in standard format. Full texts of the in-depth review reports will be published as official UNFCCC documents and translated into the other official languages of the United Nations.

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