

Decision 10/CP.13

Compilation and synthesis of fourth national communications

The Conference of the Parties,

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

Further 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 and 7/CP.11,

Emphasizing that the national communications and annual greenhouse gas inventories submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention are the main source of information for reviewing the implementation of the Convention by these Parties, and that the reports from 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 report on fourth national communications,¹

1. *Urges* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) that have not submitted their national communications in accordance with decision 4/CP.8 to do so as a matter of priority;
2. *Requests* Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat a fifth national communication by 1 January 2010 in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, with a view to submitting the sixth national communication four years after this date;
3. *Concludes* that the review of the national communications and consideration of the outcomes of this review have proved to be useful and should continue in accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3 and 11/CP.4;
4. *Decides* that national communications can be submitted to the secretariat in electronic format only;
5. *Decides* to consider the date of submission of sixth national communications of Annex I Parties at its fifteenth session to be held in December 2009 at the latest.

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¹ FCCC/SBI/2007/INF.6 and Add.1 and 2.