

## **Decision 3/CP.1**

### **Preparation and submission of national communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 4.1(a), 4.2(b), 4.6, 7.2 and 12 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

*Having considered* recommendation 3 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change,

1. *Urges* those Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) that have not submitted their first communications according to Article 12.5 of the Convention to do so as soon as possible;
2. *Requests* Annex I Parties, except as specified in paragraph 3 below, to submit to the secretariat, in accordance with Article 12.1 and 12.2 of the Convention and with guidelines for the preparation of such communications to be revised, as appropriate, and adopted by the Conference of the Parties:
  - (a) A second national communication,<sup>1/</sup> by 15 April 1997;
  - (b) National inventory data on emissions by sources and removals by sinks on an annual basis, recognizing that for some greenhouse gases and sectors or activities annual data may be less readily available or less relevant; on this basis, data (where appropriate, updated) for the period 1990-1993 and, where available, for 1994 should be provided by 15 April 1996; data for subsequent years should be provided annually on 15 April, following the same principles;
3. *Decides* that those Annex I Parties required to submit their first communications during 1996, and which do so in accordance with the Convention, may be exempt from the provisions of paragraph 2(a) above;
4. *Decides* that, until further review, the guidelines for the preparation of first communications by Annex I Parties, as elaborated in the Annex to decision 9/2 of the Committee,<sup>2/</sup> should continue to be used by Annex I Parties in preparing their communications;

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<sup>1/</sup> This term includes communications from the regional economic integration organization included in Annex I to the Convention.

<sup>2/</sup> A/AC.237/55, annex I.

5. *Requests* the secretariat, drawing on the experience in the compilation and synthesis of national communications, to prepare a report on the guidelines for the preparation of first communications by Annex I Parties for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation before the second session of the Conference of the Parties, with a view, among other things, to further enhancing the comparability and focus of the communications;

6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, in the context of its work on methodological issues arising from the review of national communications, to consider the use of relevant statistical adjustments;

7. *Decides* to continue to apply the procedures for the transmission, distribution and translation of communications as elaborated in Committee decision 9/2,<sup>3/</sup> until new procedures are established before the submission of the second national communications by Annex I Parties and subject to a review in 1996 of the financial implications of those procedures.

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7 April 1995*

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<sup>3/</sup> Ibid., and A/AC.237/45, paras. 56-66.