

Decision 19/CP.8

**UNFCCC 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,

Further recalling its decision 6/CP.5 on guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Noting that the guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, adopted by decision 6/CP.5, need to be revised to improve the consistency in the review of annual inventories and to ensure that the review process allows for a thorough and comprehensive technical assessment of Annex I Parties' annual national inventories,

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

1. *Adopts* the revised guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, contained in the annex to this decision;¹
2. *Decides* to apply the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical reviews of greenhouse gas inventories to begin in 2003, in accordance with decision 6/CP.5, taking into consideration that the reporting guidelines on annual inventories used by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in 2003 will be those adopted by decision 3/CP.5;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct individual reviews until the end of the year 2006, pending availability of resources, by coordinating specifically:
 - (a) The in-country review of eight inventories per year;
 - (b) The review of the remaining annually submitted inventories through centralized and desk reviews; in organizing these reviews, the secretariat should give priority to the centralized reviews and should ensure that desk reviews are conducted only within the two subsequent years following an in-country review;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a report assessing the implementation of these guidelines, taking into account, inter alia, the experience gained by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, the secretariat and the review experts, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its first session in the year 2006.

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¹ To facilitate ease of use by Parties, the annex to this decision is contained in document FCCC/CP/2002/8.