

Decision 30/CP.7

**Third compilation and synthesis of initial national communications
from Parties not 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, its Article 4, paragraph 1, Article 10, paragraph 2(a), and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7,

Recalling also its decisions on initial communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular, decisions 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.4, 7/CP.5 and 3/CP.6,

Noting that, pursuant to decision 10/CP.2, the national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances of non-Annex I Parties should, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 and Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Convention, be taken into account by the Conference of the Parties in considering matters related to their initial communications,

Noting also that, from its first session onwards, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 7, of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties has arranged for the provision of both technical and financial support to developing country Parties, on request, in compiling and communicating information under that Article, as well as in identifying the technical and financial needs associated with proposed projects and response measures under Article 4 of the Convention,

Having considered the third compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties,¹ prepared by the secretariat pursuant to decision 3/CP.6, and the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

1. *Requests*, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 5, of the Convention, each Party not included in Annex I to the Convention which has not made its initial communication within three years of the entry into force of the Convention for that Party, or of the availability of financial resources in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, to do so as soon as possible, it being understood that Parties that are least developed countries may make their initial communications at their discretion;

2. *Requests* the Convention secretariat to prepare the fourth compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties, based on submissions received from such Parties between 1 June 2001 and 1 June 2002, and to make that report

¹ FCCC/SBI/2001/14 and Add.1.

available to the subsidiary bodies for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session. In preparing that compilation and synthesis, the Convention secretariat shall:

(a) Report on issues, constraints and problems encountered in using the UNFCCC guidelines for the preparation of initial national communications by non-Annex I Parties,² and on other issues raised by these Parties;

(b) Prepare an executive summary covering the information contained in all the initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties;

3. *Concludes*, with respect to the reporting of information by non-Annex I Parties that have submitted their initial national communications, that:

(a) Non-Annex I Parties are fulfilling their commitments under Article 4, paragraph 1(a), of the Convention to make available to the Conference of the Parties national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, and have called for assistance to prepare and update inventories on a systematic basis by national teams;

(b) Non-Annex I Parties are generally following the UNFCCC and other recommended guidelines with varying levels of detail across the different elements of information in the communications;

4. *Concludes also* that, in view of the constraints and problems encountered in the preparation of initial national communications, namely difficulties relating to the quality and availability of data, emission factors and methodologies for the integrated assessment of the effects of climate change and impacts of response measures, there is a need for maintaining and enhancing national capacities in non-Annex I Parties for preparing national communications;

5. *Concludes also* that, although significant limitations have been encountered in the use of the current guidelines, Parties have found ways of overcoming these problems and have provided additional information, particularly in relation to greenhouse gas inventories; and that further analysis of the problems encountered in the use of the guidelines will be required when additional national communications are submitted;

6. *Concludes further*, with respect to the implementation of the Convention by non-Annex I Parties, that, as described in the third compilation and synthesis of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties, the reporting Parties are taking measures to address climate change and its adverse impacts.

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² Decision 10/CP.2, annex.