



Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex 1 to the Convention

**Revision of the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by
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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) continued its discussion, initiated at SBI 40, on the revision of the “Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties include in Annex I to the Convention, Part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications” (hereinafter referred to as the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs).¹
2. The SBI made progress on the scope of the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs, including the alignment of the tables in the guidelines with the information provided in biennial reporting common tabular format tables 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 7a, 7b and 9. It advanced its discussion of the revisions to the projection timeline specified in paragraph 37 of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs, and noted the placeholders for future consideration of reporting elements, including the reporting on any economic and social consequences of response measures.
3. The SBI invited Parties to submit further views on the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs, taking into account the need to ensure consistency, to the extent possible, between the reporting requirements for biennial reports and national communications, by 1 September 2015.
4. The SBI requested the secretariat to revise and update the technical paper on the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs² in order to reflect the views

¹ Contained in document FCCC/CP/1999/7.

² FCCC/TP/2014/5.

submitted by Parties.³ It also requested that the tables and the revised projection timeline referenced in paragraph 2 above be included in the revised and updated technical paper so as to inform further discussion at SBI 43 (November–December 2015).

5. In view of the progress made at this session, the SBI agreed to continue its work on the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs at SBI 43 with a view to the revised guidelines being adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015).

6. The SBI also recognized that if additional time beyond SBI 43 is required, owing to the technical nature of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs, Parties should aim to adopt the revised guidelines by COP 22 (November 2016). In this case, the SBI requests the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBI, to organize a pre-session workshop prior to SBI 44 (May 2016) in order to advance the revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on NCs in 2016, and to prepare the workshop report, which will serve as input to the discussion on this matter at SBI 44.

7. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 6 above. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of supplementary financial resources.

³ The views submitted by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention include those submitted on their experiences with preparing their first biennial reports in response to the invitation of the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session, those submitted in response to the invitation of SBI 40, and those submitted in response to paragraph 3 above.