

Decision 3/CP.5

Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular Article 4, Article 10.2 and Article 12,

Recalling its decision 3/CP.1 on preparation and submission of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, 4/CP.1 on methodological issues, 9/CP.2 on communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention: guidelines, schedule and process for consideration and 11/CP.4 on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Recognizing that anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol should be reported in a transparent, consistent, comparable, complete and accurate way,

Noting that the revised guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, annexed to decision 9/CP.2, need to be updated to improve the transparency, consistency, comparability, completeness and accuracy of the reported national greenhouse gas inventories and other information,

Noting the ongoing process of improvement in guidance to Parties on the reporting of greenhouse gases inventories, in particular the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change related to good practice in national inventory preparation, including managing uncertainty,

1. *Adopts* the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part I: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories;¹

2. *Decides* that Parties included in Annex I to the Convention should use these UNFCCC guidelines on annual inventories for reporting inventories due by 15 April each year, beginning in the year 2000;

¹ See FCCC/CP/1999/7.