

5(b). Special Circumstances

Specific needs and concerns arising from the adverse effects of climate change and/or the impact of the implementation of response measures, specially on

- Small Island Countries;
- Countries with low-lying coastal area;
- Countries with arid and semi-arid areas, forested areas and areas liable to forest decay;
- Countries with areas prone to natural disasters;
- Countries with areas liable to drought and desertification;
- Countries with areas of high urban atmospheric pollution;
- Countries with fragile ecosystems, including mountainous ecosystems;
- Countries with economies highly dependent on income generated from the production, processing and export, and/or on consumption of fossil fuels and associated energy-intensive products;
- Land-locked and transit countries; and
- Other special considerations foreseen in paragraph 4.9 (least developed countries) and 4.10 (fossil-fuel dependency), as appropriate.

Note: Wherever applicable non-Annex I Parties should present numerical indicators. For example they might use a classification in terms of percentage of the land area, percentage of the population affected, and/or percentage of GDP, etc.

6. Inventory

6.1 Non-Annex I Parties should strive to present the best available data, to the extent their capacity permits, and try to identify the areas where the data may be further improved in the future communications by national capacity building.

6.2 The methodology for the national inventories of emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases to be used is that developed by the IPCC. Special note is taken of the fact that such methodology will be reviewed during 1996, with three workshops scheduled in the March-April time frame, on land-use changes, rice methane and energy and industry with completion scheduled for September.