

Decision 6/CP.5

**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,

Recalling its decision 11/CP.4 on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

Recognizing the need to enhance the in-depth review of greenhouse gas inventories,

1. *Adopts* for a trial period covering inventory submissions due in 2000 and 2001 the guidelines for the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;¹

2. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct annual initial checks and an annual synthesis and assessment of greenhouse gas inventories for all Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) beginning in 2000, in accordance with the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct, during the trial period, individual reviews of the greenhouse gas inventories for a limited number of Annex I Parties which have volunteered to be reviewed, in accordance with the above-mentioned guidelines for the technical review;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to use different approaches to individual reviews by coordinating specifically:

(a) Five to seven desk reviews per year and two centralized reviews per year, each covering five to ten inventories, and

(b) Three or four in-country reviews per year;

¹ See FCCC/CP/1999/7.