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Provision of financial and technical support

**Activities of the secretariat to facilitate the preparation of national
communications and information on those communications**

Note by the secretariat

Summary

Recent activities of the secretariat to facilitate the provision of financial and technical support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) for the preparation of national communications include organizing side events at the eighteenth session of the subsidiary bodies and at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP); organizing the workshop on the preparation of national communications of non-Annex I Parties; contributing to meetings and workshops organized by other institutions; preparing documents for consideration by the COP and its subsidiary bodies; preparing newsletters and other publications; supporting the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention; and supporting other bodies and institutions.

At the twentieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, Parties may wish to provide further guidance to the secretariat on its activities to facilitate assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of national communications and implementation of the Convention.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. The activities of the secretariat to facilitate the provision of financial and technical support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) for the preparation of national communications are mandated by Article 8, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention and various decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP). The COP, by its decisions 10/CP.2 and 17/CP.8, requested the secretariat to prepare reports on these activities for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). In addition, Article 8, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention, stipulates that the secretariat is to prepare reports on its activities and present them to the COP.

B. Scope of the note

2. This document provides information on the activities undertaken by the secretariat since its report submitted to the eighteenth session of the SBI (FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.1). Chapter III provides an overview of the status of preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties.

II. Activities of the secretariat

A. Organization of side events and workshops

3. The secretariat organized a CC:FORUM side event at the eighteenth session of the subsidiary bodies. CC:FORUM events provide a forum for the exchange of views on financial and technical support to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of national communications and for the implementation of the Convention. The presentations made at the side event highlighted the variety of support activities that exist or are being put in place to respond to the needs of non-Annex I Parties. Representatives of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Netherlands Climate Change Studies Assistance Programme (NCCSAP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) made presentations. About 60 delegates, mostly representatives of non-Annex I Parties, attended this event.

4. The secretariat also organized a CC:FORUM side event at the ninth session of the COP, at which it presented a user manual to facilitate the use of the UNFCCC guidelines annexed to decision 17/CP.8.¹ The secretariat also presented information on the UNFCCC "Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate impacts of, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change."² UNDP, UNEP, the International Global Change Institute (New Zealand) and the Hadley Centre (United Kingdom) also made presentations at this side event.

5. At the ninth session of the COP, the secretariat also organized two side events on national communications from non-Annex I Parties. One of these was dedicated to the presentation of new national communications from Bangladesh, Belize, Gambia, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. At the second, Bolivia, Burkina Faso and Tajikistan presented their national action plans for climate change. The secretariat web site contains copies of all side event presentations made at the eighteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (http://unfccc.int/sessions/sb18/se_exh_18.html#1) and the ninth session of the COP (http://unfccc.int/cop9/se/se_schedule.html).

¹ For information on the user manual see paragraph 28 below.

² Information on the compendium can be found on the secretariat web site at <http://unfccc.int/program/mis/meth/>

6. The secretariat organized a workshop on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties from 26 to 30 April 2004 in Manila, Philippines. The workshop informed non-Annex I Parties on the use of the UNFCCC guidelines and the user manual for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties (see paragraph 28 below). In addition, it facilitated the exchange of information on financial and technical support, for example, on procedures for accessing funds for the preparation of national communications from the GEF and the support to be provided by its implementing agencies. It also facilitated discussion on the process of preparation of second national communications by non-Annex I Parties, and served to identify other specific needs and concerns relating to the preparation of national communications and recommend ways to satisfy them. Ninety-nine participants, including representatives from 47 non-Annex I Parties, attended the workshop. The report of the workshop is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.6.

B. Contribution to meetings and workshops organized by other institutions

7. **New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Workshop on the Development of a Programme on Disaster Management, Weather Predictions, Climate Change and Food Security, 23–24 April 2003, Johannesburg, South Africa.** NEPAD is a vision and programme of action conceived for the redevelopment of the African continent; one of its goals is to ensure preparedness in the event of disasters. The workshop focused on disaster management, but it also considered weather prediction, food security and the effects of climate change and climate variability.

8. The secretariat informed the 56 participants from national, regional and international institutions that it is a custodian of a substantial amount of climate change information relating to disaster management and food security reported in national communications of African Parties to the Convention, including information on programmes containing measures to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change, transfer of technologies, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, capacity-building, and information sharing and networking.

9. **Japan Ministry of the Environment and the National Institute for Environmental Studies, Workshop on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories in the Asia Region, 13–14 November 2003, Phuket, Thailand.** Twenty-five participants including experts from 10 Asian non-Annex I Parties attended the workshop that provided a forum for the exchange of experience on GHG inventories. Participants focused on methodologies for developing GHG inventories with a view to exploring strategies to improve GHG inventories in the Asia region. The secretariat made a presentation on recent trends in preparing non-Annex I Parties' national communications, including information on the UNFCCC guidelines adopted at the eighth session of the COP (decision 17/CP.8) and the related user manual (see paragraph 28 below), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories* and the GEF *Operational Procedures for the Expedited Financing of National Communications from non-Annex I Parties*.

10. **German Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Summer School on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Identifying Options for Developing Countries, 7–17 September 2003, Bad Münstereifel, Germany.** The summer school provided a training and interactive discussion forum for scientists, decision makers, and representatives of the public and private sector from developing countries. Thirty participants from 19 developing countries attended. During a visit by participants to the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn, representatives of the secretariat made presentations on the science of climate change, on vulnerability and adaptation issues in non-Annex I Parties in the Convention process, and on climate change mitigation as a core element of the evolving climate change strategies of the developed countries.

11. **Assessments of Impacts of and Adaptations to Climate Change (AIACC) in Multiple Region and Sectors,³ Regional Committee on Hydraulic Resources from the Central America Integration System (CRRH-SICA) and the University of Costa Rica, First Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Workshop , 27–30 May 2003, San José, Costa Rica.** The workshop was organized to encourage discussion and an examination of AIACC regional projects to highlight synergy, to identify problems, to find practical solutions to problems encountered, and to identify linkages with the second national communication process. The development, refinement and further examination of climate change scenarios that feed into the regional projects formed a large part of the discussions.

12. Sixty-six participants attended the workshop including experts from 14 non-Annex I Parties in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region. The workshop objectives were: to discuss the advances in climate change scenario generation from the AIACC projects and to exchange views with other regional and international climate change researchers; to discuss the advances on research/studies on sea-level rise, water, agriculture and health within the different climate change projects; to discuss with international cooperation agencies (e.g., Inter American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), Global Water Partnership (GWP), IUCN – The World Conservation Union (IUCN), and UNDP) future financial and technical cooperation for the extension of activities and for the development of new projects for the region; to discuss linking AIACC projects to the preparation of second national communications from LAC non-Annex I Parties; and to determine the potential contribution of the AIACC projects to the impact assessment of the fourth assessment report of the IPCC.

13. The secretariat made a presentation on the relevance of AIACC to the national communication process focusing on the UNFCCC guidelines adopted at COP 8.

14. **The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Inter-linkages Regional Meeting on Integrated Capacity Development in the Pacific on Multilateral Environmental Agreements, 15–18 March 2004, Fiji.** Fifty-four participants took part in the meeting including representatives of 15 Pacific island States. The objective of the meeting was to develop practical and applicable frameworks for capacity development and cooperation for the implementation of activities, programmes and projects relating to multilateral environmental agreements. The secretariat made a presentation on capacity-building opportunities for non-Annex I Parties in the framework of the Convention.

15. **AIACC and Laboratoire de Physique de l'Atmosphere (Université Cheikh Anta DIOP de Dakar/Ecole Supérieure Polytechnique), Second Regional Workshop for Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands , 24–27 March 2004, Dakar, Senegal.** The workshop provided a forum for the exchange of experience among scientists involved in the various AIACC projects of the African region. The presentations and discussions focused on: climate change impacts and vulnerability; climate variability, changes and scenarios; socio-economic scenarios; adaptation opportunities and decision-making; climate change and the development agenda; and the role of stakeholders in assessments. The secretariat made a presentation on the process of preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties and its relation to the AIACC programme. AIACC researchers were encouraged to collaborate with the UNFCCC national focal points in order to integrate the results of their studies into second national communications and national climate change action plans.

16. **Government of Argentina, Workshop on the preparation of Argentina's second national communication, 12–13 April 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Argentina received support from the GEF to prepare its second national communication. The workshop was the first of a series of four, to launch the preparation of the second national communication and to coordinate the work among all the stakeholders of this project. About 200 experts from national government ministries, provincial

³ For information on AIACC see paragraph 39 below.

authorities, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations and representatives of the national media participated in the workshop. Representatives of Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay also participated actively in the workshop. The secretariat made presentations on national communications from non-Annex I Parties and the differences with those of Annex I Parties, and national GHG inventories from Annex I and non-Annex I Parties. Presentations from other international resource persons were made on the IPCC reports, work and projections by the World Bank; on climate change mitigation by UNEP/Risoe Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development; and on vulnerability and adaptation by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (United States).

17. **Twelfth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 12), Preparation for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.** In 1992, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development adopted Agenda 21 which represents a global consensus and political commitment on cooperation in development and environmental matters. Over a two-week period during April and May 1994, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in Barbados, addressed the challenge of translating Agenda 21 into specific policies, actions and measures to be taken at the national, regional and international level. This was the first conference that translated Agenda 21 into a programme of action for a group of countries. The resulting Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados Programme of Action – BPOA) listed 15 priority areas for specific action. The issue of climate change and sea-level rise is the first item in the BPOA. In December 2002, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene an international meeting in 2004 to undertake a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the BPOA and invited United Nations agencies to assist in this process.

18. During its twelfth session (CSD 12), from 14 to 16 April 2004, the CSD finalized the preparations for the international meeting, including its agenda. The secretariat followed up on the activities of the CSD in this regard including meetings of the interagency task force on Barbados+10/Mauritius and a meeting of the Caribbean Community at the margins of CSD 12. The secretariat is preparing a brochure for the Barbados+10/Mauritius meeting (see paragraph 29 below).

C. Preparation of documents for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies

19. In accordance with decision 2/CP.9, the secretariat has started preparing a compilation and synthesis of information contained in all initial national communications submitted by non-Annex I Parties up to 1 April 2005, for consideration by the COP at its eleventh session.

20. Also in accordance with decision 2/CP.9 the secretariat is preparing, in consultation with the financial mechanism of the Convention and its implementing agencies, an information document on possible means to facilitate the implementation of projects proposed by non-Annex I Parties in their national communications, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention, for consideration by the COP at its tenth session.

21. The secretariat compiled a list of projects submitted by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.4). The list is regularly updated based on new information provided by Parties in their national communications and is made available to the SBI and the GEF regularly.

22. The reports on the first and second meeting of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) are contained in

documents FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.17 and FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.5, respectively (see paragraphs 30–33 of this document for more information on support provided by the secretariat for the CGE).

23. As noted in paragraph 6 above, the secretariat prepared a report of the global workshop on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, which was held from 26 to 30 April 2004 in Manila, Philippines (FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.6).

24. The COP, by its decision 17/CP.8, decided to determine the frequency of submission of second and, where appropriate, third national communications from non-Annex I Parties, at its ninth session. To facilitate the consideration of this agenda item, the SBI, at its eighteenth session, invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2003, their views on the frequency of submission of second, and where appropriate, third national communications from non-Annex I Parties. The secretariat has received eight such submissions. They are contained in document FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.10 and Add.1.

25. The COP, by its decision 2/CP.8, requested the secretariat to prepare an information document describing the steps taken by non-Annex I Parties to implement the Convention, based on a representative set of initial national communications and other relevant documents, in order to facilitate the implementation of projects listed or proposed by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention. The SBI, at its seventeenth session, requested the secretariat to initiate the assessment of activities aimed at reducing emissions and enhancing removals of GHGs, reported in national communications from non-Annex I Parties as well as in the documents of the GEF and in other documents, and to report the results of this assessment to the SBI at its nineteenth session. In response to these requests, the secretariat prepared an information document (FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.14).

26. The SBI, at its seventeenth session, requested Parties to submit their views on their experience with the GEF or its implementing agencies in relation to the preparation of national communications, and requested the secretariat to compile the information for consideration by the SBI. Five Parties (Argentina, Bolivia, Morocco, Sudan, Uruguay) provided views on this issue; the submissions are contained in document FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.9, which was considered by the SBI at its nineteenth session.⁴

D. Preparation of newsletters and other publications

27. The secretariat has continued to inform national climate change focal points, project coordinators and other experts involved in the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties through two outreach initiatives. The first, the *NAI Update*, is distributed by e-mail after each session of the COP and its subsidiary bodies⁵ and contains a summary of the outcomes of negotiations and decisions on matters relating to the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties. The second, the *NAI Newsletter*, focuses on national, regional and international efforts to support non-Annex I Parties in the implementation of the Convention. Other regular features of the newsletter include information on workshops and on publications, as well as other informative materials. The second edition of the *NAI Newsletter* was distributed by e-mail in April 2004.⁶

28. In response to a request made by the SBI at its eighteenth session, the secretariat produced a user manual for the guidelines on national communications from non-Annex I Parties. The manual is designed to be used by national experts from non-Annex I Parties responsible for the preparation of national communications, and also by national climate change teams or committees that facilitate the

⁴ The SBI considered the submission of one Party (Bolivia) at its eighteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2003/MISC.8).

⁵ All issues of the *NAI Update* can be obtained from the secretariat web site at <http://unfccc.int/program/imp/nai/update.html>

⁶ All editions of the *NAI Newsletter* can be obtained from the secretariat web site at <http://unfccc.int/program/nai/newsletter.html>

coordination, organization and management of various tasks and activities. The manual is available in English, French and Spanish in print and electronic versions.⁷

29. At the nineteenth session of the SBI, the representative of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation and synthesis of information contained in all initial national communications from small island developing States, focusing on adaptation and mitigation. In response to this request the secretariat is preparing a brochure for consideration by participants at the meeting on the 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action scheduled for the third quarter of 2004.

E. Support for the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

30. At its fifth session, the COP established the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) (decision 8/CP.5). At its eighth session the COP adopted a new mandate and terms of reference for the CGE (decision 3/CP.8). The CGE is mandated to improve the process of the preparation of second, and where appropriate, initial and third national communications, by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties.

31. The reconstituted CGE held its initial meeting from 23 to 24 September 2003 in Mexico City,⁸ Mexico, following the meeting of the UNDP–GEF on the Adaptation Policy Framework, held on 22 September, and before the GEF meeting on the Informal Consultations on the Draft Operational Procedures for the Expedited Financing of National Communications from non-Annex I Parties, held from 25 to 26 September. CGE members also attended both of these other meetings.

32. Eleven experts, from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Fiji, Germany, Kenya, Netherlands, Slovakia, Thailand, United States of America and Uruguay, attended the meeting. Three experts, one each from UNDP, UNEP and the IPCC Greenhouse Gas Inventories Task Force, also participated. The report of the meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2003/INF.17.

33. The appointment of the 24 CGE members whose tenure began in 2004, in accordance with the new terms of reference, was finalized before the reconstituted CGE convened its second meeting from 3 to 4 May 2004 in Manila, Philippines. The meeting followed the UNFCCC global workshop on the preparation of national communications (see paragraph 6 above). CGE members finalized the group's work programme for the biennium 2004–2005. The report of the meeting is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2004/INF.5.

F. Support to other bodies and institutions

34. The secretariat has continued to provide, on request, comments and advice on relevant activities of the GEF and its implementing agencies (UNDP, UNEP, World Bank).

35. The secretariat provided comments on nine GEF phase II enabling activity proposals (so called top-up projects) submitted for funding by non-Annex I Parties.⁹

36. The secretariat also provided comments on the proposal for GEF financing of the National Communications Support Programme for Climate Change. Over its six-year lifetime, this initiative will provide financial assistance for up to 130 non-Annex I Parties (assuming that 100 countries will continue

⁷ The manual can be downloaded at the following web page: <http://unfccc.int/resource/convkp.html#bg>

⁸ By the date the meeting was held, all members of the CGE had been nominated except one. The Asian group made its nomination in time for the second meeting of the CGE which was held in May 2004 in the Philippines (see paragraph 33 below).

⁹ For more information on phase II enabling activities see section III.B below.

to work with UNDP and 30 countries will continue to work with UNEP). The core focus of the programme is capacity-building, knowledge sharing of best practices and monitoring progress of national projects through the National Communications Support Programme (NCSP), which will be jointly managed by GEF and the implementing agencies.

37. The secretariat also supported the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) by attending a workshop held in April 2003 in South Africa (see paragraph 7) and by providing comments on a concept paper for a capacity-building programme for the implementation of the initiative's action plan.

38. The secretariat provided support to the National Communications Support Unit (NCSU) of UNDP. The NCSU is an initiative devoted to providing technical support to countries with climate change enabling activities, in four focal areas: adaptation, GHG inventories, systematic observation and technology needs assessments. The secretariat has provided comments on draft papers of the NCSU Adaptation Policy Framework (APF) and of the UNDP-GEF Handbook on Methodologies for Technology Needs Assessments. It also participated in a meeting of lead authors of the APF.

39. The secretariat provided support to AIACC projects through membership in its steering committee and participation in and contribution to several of its workshops. AIACC is a global initiative developed in collaboration with the IPCC and UNEP and funded by the GEF to advance scientific understanding of climate change vulnerabilities and adaptation options in developing countries. By funding collaborative research, training and technical support, AIACC aims to enhance the scientific capacity of developing countries to assess climate change vulnerabilities and adaptations, and generate and communicate information useful for adaptation planning and action. AIACC is implemented by UNEP and executed jointly by System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) and the Third World Academy of Sciences.

III. Status of preparation of national communications

40. The information presented below and in the tables contained in annexes I and II is based on responses from non-Annex I Parties to a questionnaire distributed by the secretariat in March 2004 and on information provided by the GEF and its implementing agencies.

A. Initial national communications

41. As at 7 May 2004, 113 initial national communications had been submitted to the secretariat. This includes 35 submissions from least developed country Parties (73 per cent of that group).

42. Another 15 Parties have indicated their intention to submit their initial national communication by the end of 2004. This would bring the total number of submissions to 128 from a total of 148 non-Annex I Parties (86 per cent). Figure 1 shows the number of initial national communications submitted by non-Annex I Parties by year since 1997.

43. The number of initial national communications submitted from each region is uneven (figure 2).

Figure 1: Submission of initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties, as at 7 May 2004, by year

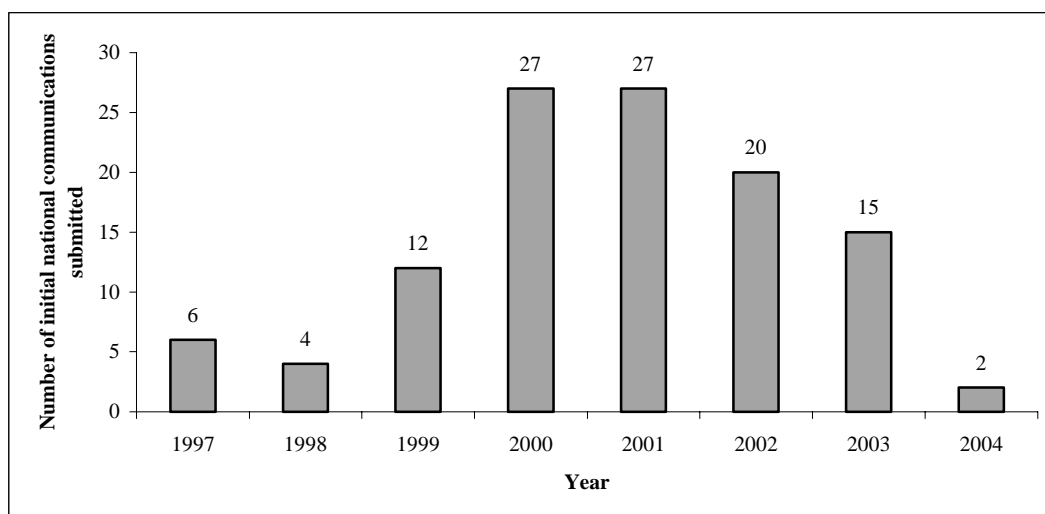
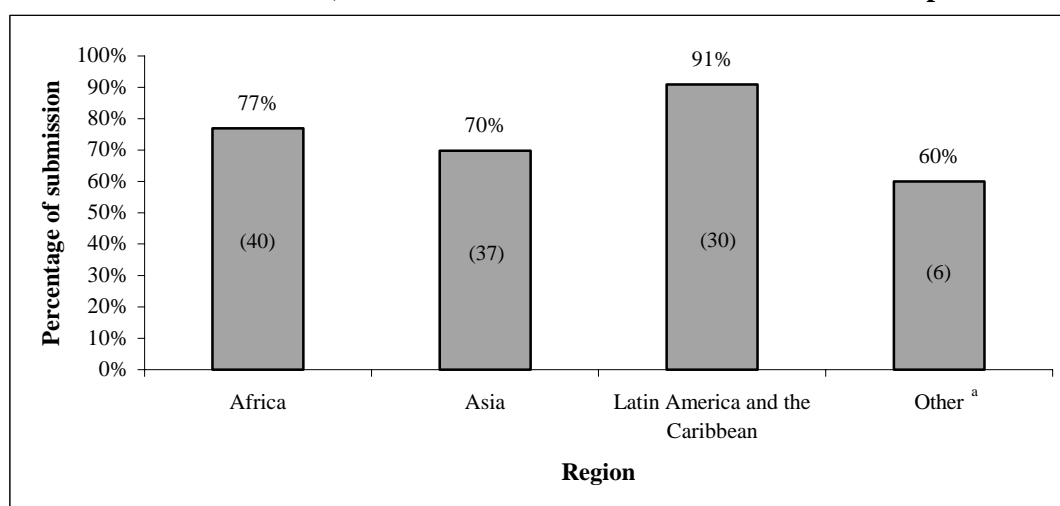


Figure 2: Percentage of non-Annex I Parties from each region that have submitted their initial national communications (absolute numbers of submissions are shown in parentheses)



^a The group comprises 10 Parties: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Malta, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

44. Twelve Parties (Argentina, Bolivia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Georgia, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Senegal, Tajikistan and Uruguay) submitted addenda to their initial national communications. Argentina submitted an addendum covering inventory data for 1990, 1994 and 1997. Uruguay submitted two addenda covering inventory data for 1994 and 1998 as well as a comparative study of GHG emissions for 1990, 1994 and 1998. Bolivia, Georgia, Indonesia and Tajikistan submitted reports of their phase II enabling activities as addenda to their national communication (see paragraph 48 below). The Federated States of Micronesia submitted an addendum, which provides additional information on all elements of its national communication. Guyana submitted a climate change action plan. Haiti submitted a national action plan for the environment. Mexico submitted a national programme of action on climate and a national climate action strategy. Morocco submitted a national action plan for environment. Senegal submitted an initial national implementation strategy. Tajikistan submitted a national action plan for climate change mitigation.

45. Twenty-nine non-Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted their initial national communications are presently engaged in preparing them. No information is available relating to the preparation of the initial national communications of Angola, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, San Marino, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

**B. Expedited financing for (interim) measures for capacity-building in priority areas
(enabling activities phase II)**

46. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.4, the GEF provided funding for 83 projects (including a regional one with 10 participating countries) under its expedited procedure for the implementation of specific capacity-building activities by non-Annex I Parties within the framework of phase II enabling activities. The projects are designed to strengthen activities initiated during the preparation of initial national communications and may lead to project proposals for second national communications. The approved budgets for these national projects vary from USD 48,000 to USD 140,000.

47. Ninety-two Parties are currently undertaking or have already completed various national or regional projects in six areas:

- (a) The assessment of technology needs, identification of sources and suppliers of these technologies, and the determination of modalities for the acquisition and absorption of those technologies
- (b) The improvement of national activities for public awareness and education on climate change
- (c) Effective participation in systematic observation networks
- (d) Facilitation of national and/or regional access to the information provided by international centres and networks, and working with those centres for the dissemination of information, information services, and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and know-how
- (e) The design, formulation, management, implementation and evaluation of projects which would help Parties to fulfil their commitments under the Convention
- (f) Studies leading to the preparation of national programmes to address climate change, including the improvement of local emission factors.

48. Six Parties (Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Georgia, Haiti, Indonesia, Tajikistan) have submitted to the secretariat the project report produced as a result of phase II enabling activities, although they are not required to do so. Five of them have submitted one report each, entitled "Capacity improvement activities on climate change in the priority sectors of economy of Azerbaijan", "Capacity building to assess technology needs, modalities to acquire and absorb them, evaluate and host projects" (Georgia), "Assessment of Haiti's needs regarding transfer of energy related technologies", "Identification of less greenhouse gases emission technologies in Indonesia", and "Capacity-building in priority areas"(Tajikistan). Bolivia has submitted three reports, one on the application of its national strategy for the implementation of the UNFCCC, one on its systematic observation systems on climate change, and the third on food systems, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and variability in semi-arid mountain regions.

C. Second national communications

1. Second national communications based on the guidelines contained in the annex to decision 10/CP.2

49. Pursuant to decision 8/CP.5, all Parties that submitted their initial national communications before the adoption of the revised guidelines for national communications and wished to start the preparation of their second national communications before the seventh session of the COP, could do so using the initial guidelines. The decision further requests the GEF to provide funding for the preparation of the second national communications of those Parties following the guidance given to it in decisions 11/CP.2 and 2/CP.4. The COP confirmed in its decision 32/CP.7 that non-Annex I Parties wishing to start the preparation of their subsequent national communications may do so using the initial guidelines as set out in decisions 10/CP.2 and 2/CP.4, pending the adoption by the COP of improved guidelines for the preparation of national communications.

50. Mexico and the Republic of Korea submitted their second national communication in July 2001 and December 2003, respectively. They had not requested funding from the GEF for the preparation of their second national communications.

2. Second national communications based on the guidelines contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8

51. The COP, by its decision 17/CP.8, adopted new guidelines for national communications from non-Annex I Parties. Sixty-five Parties have indicated that they have started activities relating to the preparation of their second national communication in accordance with the new guidelines, which range from information requests made to the GEF implementing agencies, to project implementation. Eleven of them (Argentina, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Morocco, Niue, Samoa, Senegal, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Uzbekistan) indicated that they have completed project proposals for GEF funding and/or are implementing second national communication projects. Twenty-eight Parties have indicated that they have scheduled stocktaking exercises in order to assess existing activities, institutions and knowledge relevant for the preparation of their second national communication. Seven Parties indicated that they intend to complete their phase II enabling activities or national adaptation programme of action projects before submitting project proposals for the preparation of the second national communication.

52. Uruguay received funds from the GEF for the preparation of its second national communication in 2000. Although execution of the project was started before the approval of the new UNFCCC guidelines, Uruguay intends to complete its second national communication in accordance with these guidelines in the first half of 2004. The GEF approved Argentina's and Costa Rica's enabling activities projects for the preparation of their second national communication in 2002. Both countries will use the new guidelines. Georgia and Bolivia initially prepared their second national communication project proposals according to the UNFCCC guidelines contained in the annex to decision 10/CP.2. They have since revised their proposals to reflect the UNFCCC guidelines adopted at COP 8.

Annex I

Initial national communications submitted, status of phase II enabling activities projects and status of second national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Party <i>(least developed countries in italics)</i>	Date of ratification of the Convention	Date of submission of initial national communication	Status of phase II enabling activity project <i>(Expedited financing for (interim) measures for capacity-building in priority areas)</i>	Status of second national communication	National web site
Albania	3 October 1994	13 September 2002	Project approved by the GEF	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	www.ccalb.org/
Algeria	9 June 1993	30 April 2001	Project approved by the GEF	Project proposal under development	www.env-cc.gov.dz/
Antigua and Barbuda	2 February 1993	10 September 2001	Project approved by the GEF	Request for funding is expected for third quarter of 2004	Under development (www.antiguanet.net/unfccc/)
Argentina	11 March 1994	25 July 1997	No information available	Full project approved by the GEF in April 2002. Implementing agency: World Bank	www.medioambiente.gov.ar/cam bio_climatico/default.htm
Armenia	14 May 1993	4 November 1998	Operationally, the project is finished but not closed due to extra support for stocktaking and stakeholder consultation. Report on technology needs assessment submitted to stakeholder organizations for comments	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Project proposal under development	www.nature.am
Azerbaijan	16 May 1995	23 May 2000	Project completed and a report submitted to the secretariat	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Project proposal under development	www.eco.gov.az/

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Bahamas	29 March 1994	5 November 2001	Public awareness component of the project completed. Sea, lake and overland surges from hurricanes (SLOSH) modelling being explored	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Project proposal under development. Stocktaking scheduled for first half of 2004	www.best.bs
<i>Bangladesh</i>	15 April 1994	12 November 2002	No information available	No information available	No information available
Barbados	23 March 1994	30 October 2001	Project being implemented	Requested information on funding of stocktaking activities	www.environment.gov.bb
Belize	31 October 1994	16 September 2002	No information available	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to the national GEF focal point ^a	www.met.gov.bz/climate
<i>Benin</i>	30 June 1994	21 October 2002	Project approved by the GEF	Request for funding of stocktaking activities has been submitted to the national GEF focal point ^a	Under development
<i>Bhutan</i>	25 August 1995	13 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF and will only be implemented upon completion of the NAPA project	Currently no activities	www.nec.gov.bt
Bolivia	3 October 1994	16 November 2000	Project completed and reports submitted to the secretariat	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	www.rds.org.bo
Botswana	27 January 1994	22 October 2001	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by August 2004	Preparing proposal for self-assessment exercise	www.weather.info.bw

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<i>Burkina Faso</i>	2 September 1993	16 May 2002	Project completed	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted ^a	No web site available
<i>Burundi</i>	6 January 1997	23 November 2001	Project completed	Project proposal under development	No information provided
<i>Cambodia</i>	18 December 1995	8 October 2002	Project completed	Stocktaking exercise scheduled for mid-2004	www.camclimate.org.kh
<i>Cape Verde</i>	29 March 1995	13 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information available
<i>Central African Republic</i>	10 March 1995	10 June 2003	No information available	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	No web site available
<i>Chad</i>	7 June 1994	29 October 2001	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information provided
Chile	22 December 1994	8 February 2000	Project approved by the GEF	Some activities, including a GHG inventory series for the period 1984–1998, have been carried out. Request for GEF funding was not submitted	No information provided
Colombia	22 March 1995	18 December 2001	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	www.ideam.gov.co
<i>Comoros</i>	31 October 1994	5 April 2003	Project approved by the GEF	Preparation will start after completion of phase II enabling activities project	Under development
Congo	14 October 1996	30 October 2001	Project approved by the GEF	Completed project proposal for funding	No information provided
Cook Islands	20 April 1993	30 October 1999	Project completed	Stocktaking activities scheduled for second half of 2004. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	Seeking resources for development of climate change pages under www.environment.org.ck

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Costa Rica	26 August 1994	18 November 2000	No information available	Project being implemented. Project proposal was approved by the GEF in September 2002	www.imn.ac.cr
Côte d'Ivoire	29 November 1994	2 February 2001	Project completed	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities has been submitted to the GEF focal point ^a	No information provided
Cuba	5 January 1994	28 September 2001	Decided not to apply	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities is expected in the first half of 2004	Under construction
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	5 December 1994	7 May 2004	No information available	No information available	No information available
<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>	9 January 1995	21 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF and expected to start in 2004	Preparation of project proposal has yet to be initiated	No web site available
<i>Djibouti</i>	27 August 1995	6 June 2002	GEF funds have not yet been requested	Currently no activities. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	No web site available
Dominica	21 June 1993	4 December 2001	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	www.cpacc.org/dominica_pg.htm
Dominican Republic	7 October 1998	4 June 2003	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by mid-2004	Stocktaking exercise scheduled for the first half of 2004. Proposal submitted to UNDP as full project	No information provided

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Ecuador	23 February 1993	15 November 2000	Project completed	Currently no activities. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	www.ambiente.gov.ec/cambio_climatico/inicio.html
Egypt	5 December 1994	19 July 1999	Project approved by the GEF	Project proposal being prepared	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/egypt/
El Salvador	4 December 1995	10 April 2000	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by late 2004	Request for funding being prepared. Project proposal for expedited financing will be submitted to UNDP. Stocktaking activities scheduled for second half of 2004	www.marn.gob.sv
<i>Eritrea</i>	24 April 1995	16 September 2002	No information available	No information available	No information provided
<i>Ethiopia</i>	5 April 1994	16 October 2001	Project approved by the GEF	Preparation will start after completion of phase II enabling activities project	No information provided
<i>Gambia</i>	10 June 1994	6 October 2003	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	Under development
Georgia	29 July 1994	10 August 1999	Project completed and report submitted to the secretariat	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Project document was revised to reflect the UNFCCC guidelines contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8. Stocktaking activities scheduled for first half of 2004	www.ccna.caucasus.net/

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Ghana	6 September 1995	2 May 2001	Project approved by the GEF	Project proposal for expedited financing being prepared for submission to UNDP. Stocktaking activities scheduled for first half of 2004	www.epa.gov.gh
Grenada	11 August 1994	21 November 2000	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by May 2004	Project proposal will be prepared after completion of phase II enabling activities	www.grenadaclimate.org
Guatemala	15 December 1995	1 February 2002	Project approved by the GEF	UNFCCC guidelines adopted at COP 8 being analysed by relevant national authorities	No information provided
<i>Guinea</i>	7 May 1993	28 October 2002	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by June 2004	Currently no activities	No web site available
Guyana	29 August 1994	16 May 2002	No phase II enabling activities project	Currently no activities	www.guyanaclimate.org
<i>Haiti</i>	25 September 1996	3 January 2002	Project completed	No information available	www.unfccc.int/resources/ccsites/haiti/
Honduras	19 October 1995	15 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	rds.org.hn/
Indonesia	23 August 1994	27 October 1999	Project completed and report submitted to the secretariat	No information available	No information available
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	18 July 1996	31 March 2003	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by May 2004	Project document to be revised. Proposal for expedited financing will be submitted to UNDP. Stocktaking activities are scheduled for the second half of 2004	www.climate-change.ir www.irandoe.org
Israel	4 June 1996	18 November 2000	No information available	Second national inventory completed	No information available

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Jamaica	6 January 1995	21 November 2000	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by December 2004	Project proposal will be prepared after completion of phase II enabling activities	www.cpacc.org/jamaica_pg.htm
Jordan	12 November 1993	6 March 1997	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by December 2004	Project proposal will be submitted to UNEP in June 2004 for GEF financing. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/jordan/index.html
Kazakhstan	17 May 1995	5 November 1998	No information available	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNEP. ^a Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	www.climate.kz
Kenya	30 August 1994	22 October 2002	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by June 2004	Project proposal will be submitted to UNEP for GEF financing. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures. Stakeholder consultations have been scheduled	No information available

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<i>Kiribati</i>	7 February 1995	30 October 1999	Project completed	Project proposal has been submitted to UNDP for expedited GEF financing. Stocktaking activities scheduled for second half of 2004	No web site available
Kyrgyzstan	25 May 2000	31 March 2003	No information available	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	Under development
<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	4 January 1995	2 November 2000	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by June 2004	Project proposal will be prepared in the second half of 2004 after the start of the NAPA project	No web site available
Lebanon	15 December 1994	2 November 1999	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information provided
<i>Lesotho</i>	7 February 1995	17 April 2000	Project completed and report is expected to be submitted at the end of April 2004	Currently no activities	www.lesmet.org.ls
<i>Madagascar</i>	2 June 1999	22 February 2004	No phase II enabling activities project	Request for funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNEP	In the process of relaunching (www.cclim.mg)
<i>Malawi</i>	21 April 1994	2 December 2003	Project completed	Stocktaking activities have been scheduled	In final stages
Malaysia	13 July 1994	22 August 2000	No information available	Initial discussions held	www.kjc.gov.my
<i>Maldives</i>	9 November 1992	5 November 2001	No information available	No information available	www.environment.gov.mv
<i>Mali</i>	28 December 1994	13 November 2000	Project completed	Currently no activities	Established
Marshall Islands	8 October 1992	24 November 2000	Project completed	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/marshall/index.html

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<i>Mauritania</i>	20 January 1994	30 July 2002	Project approved by the GEF	Requested information from UNDP	No information provided
Mauritius	4 September 1992	28 May 1999	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information provided
Mexico	11 March 1993	9 December 1997	No information available	Submitted on 23 July 2001. Prepared with own funds	www.ine.gob.mx
Micronesia (Federated States of)	18 November 1993	4 December 1997	Project completed	No information available	No information available
Mongolia	30 September 1993	1 November 2001	Project completed	Project proposal will be submitted to UNEP for expedited GEF financing	www.mongolclimate.mn
Morocco	28 December 1995	1 November 2001	No request for phase II funding has been made	Request has been submitted to UNDP on 27 February 2004 for expedited GEF funding	www.ccmoroc.ma
Namibia	16 May 1995	7 October 2002	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	www.dea.met.gov.na
Nauru	11 November 1993	30 October 1999	Project completed	Process has been initiated	None
Nicaragua	31 October 1995	25 July 2001	Project completed	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled	www.marena.gob.ni/cambio_climatico
<i>Niger</i>	25 July 1995	13 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	Preparation will start after completion of phase II enabling activities project	No information available
Nigeria	29 August 1994	17 November 2003	No phase II enabling activities project	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled for second half of 2004	No web site available

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Niue	28 February 1996	2 October 2001	Project completed. Five reports submitted to UNEP	Request submitted to UNEP for expedited GEF funding	Not completed yet
Pakistan	1 June 1994	15 November 2003	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information available
Palau	10 December 1999	18 June 2003	No information available	No information available	No web site available
Panama	23 May 1995	20 July 2001	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by 2007	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled for first half of 2004	www.anam.gob.pa
Papua New Guinea	16 March 1993	27 February 2002	No information available	No information available	No information available
Paraguay	24 February 1994	10 April 2002	Project approved by the GEF	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled	www.seam.gov.py
Peru	7 June 1993	21 August 2001	Project completed	Project proposal under development	www.conam.gob.pe
Philippines	2 August 1994	19 May 2000	Project approved by the GEF	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	No information available
Republic of Korea	14 December 1993	12 February 1998	No information available	Submitted on 1 December 2003. Prepared with own funds	No information available
Republic of Moldova	9 June 1995	13 November 2000	Project completed	Request for funding of stocktaking activities being submitted	Under reconstruction

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Saint Kitts and Nevis	7 January 1993	30 November 2001	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by September 2004	Currently no activities	www.cpacc.org/stkitts_pg.htm
Saint Lucia	14 June 1993	30 November 2001	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by April 2005	Request for financing of stocktaking activities will be submitted in the first half of 2004. Stocktaking activities are scheduled for mid-2004	www.climatechange.gov.lc
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2 December 1996	21 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	www.cpacc.org/stvinc_pg.htm
<i>Samoa</i>	29 November 1994	30 October 1999	Project completed	Request for funding was submitted to UNDP for expedited GEF financing. Stocktaking activities are scheduled for first half of 2004	No information provided
<i>Senegal</i>	17 October 1994	1 December 1997	Project approved by the GEF	Project proposal submitted for GEF financing	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/senegal/index.htm
Seychelles	22 September 1992	15 November 2000	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by July 2004	Work on the proposal has started. Stocktaking activities are scheduled. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/seychell/
Singapore	29 May 1997	21 August 2000	No phase II enabling activities project	Awaiting decision of UNFCCC on future submissions of national communications	No web site available
South Africa	29 August 1997	11 December 2003	No information available	In the process of preparing to start	No information available

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Sri Lanka	23 November 1993	6 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	www.lk/slclimatechange/index.html
<i>Sudan</i>	19 November 1993	7 June 2003	Project approved by the GEF	Proposal being prepared	Under development (www.sudanclimate.net)
Swaziland	7 October 1996	21 May 2002	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by August 2004	Stocktaking activities scheduled for first half of 2004. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	No information available
Tajikistan	7 January 1998	8 October 2002	Project completed and report sent to the secretariat	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled for first half of 2004	www.grida.no/enrin/htmls/tadjik/vitalgraphics/eng/index.htm
Thailand	28 December 1994	13 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	Request for funding will be submitted soon	Under development (www.deqp.go.th/oepp/climate/index1.htm)
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28 January 1998	25 March 2003	Project approved by the GEF	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP ^a	www.unfccc.org.mk
<i>Togo</i>	8 March 1995	20 December 2001	Project approved by the GEF	No ongoing activities	No information available

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Trinidad and Tobago	24 June 1994	30 November 2001	Project being implemented and expected to be completed by first half of 2005	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted to UNDP. ^a Stocktaking activities are scheduled. Party has not yet decided whether it will opt for full project procedures or expedited financing procedures	www.ema.co.tt/climatechange
Tunisia	15 July 1993	27 October 2001	No information available	No information available	No information available
Turkmenistan	5 June 1995	11 November 2000	Project approved by the GEF	Preparation will start after completion of phase II enabling activities project	No information available
<i>Tuvalu</i>	26 October 1993	30 October 1999	Project completed	Request for funding was submitted to UNEP for expedited GEF financing. Stocktaking activities are scheduled for the second half of 2004. The project start is scheduled for January 2005	No web site available
<i>Uganda</i>	8 September 1993	26 October 2002	Project approved by the GEF and expected to be completed in the first half of 2005	Currently no activities	Not yet fully operational (www.meteo-uganda.net)
<i>United Republic of Tanzania</i>	17 April 1996	4 July 2003	Project approved by the GEF and expected to be completed in the first half of 2005	Project expected to start in the first half of 2004 under expedited funding procedures. Stocktaking activities have been scheduled. Implementing agency: UNEP	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/tanzania/

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Uruguay	18 August 1994	15 October 1997	No phase II enabling activities project	Project is being implemented. The full project was approved by the GEF in May 2000. Implementing agency: UNDP. The UNFCCC guidelines contained in the annex to decision 17/CP.8 are being applied	www.cambioclimatico.gub.uy
Uzbekistan	20 June 1993	22 October 1999	Project approved by the GEF	Project proposal submitted for approval by GEF Council at its meeting in May 2004	No information available
<i>Vanuatu</i>	25 March 1993	30 October 1999	Project completed	No information available	No information available
Viet Nam	16 November 1994	02 December 2003	Project approved by the GEF and expected to be completed in the course of 2005	No information available	No web site available
<i>Yemen</i>	21 February 1996	29 October 2001	Project approved by the GEF	No information available	No information available
Zimbabwe	3 November 1992	25 May 1998	Project approved by the GEF	Preliminary discussions with local UNDP representatives were held. Funds have not yet been requested	www.unfccc.int/resource/ccsites/zimbab/

^a Upon request the GEF provides immediate support of up to USD 15,000 to countries seeking GEF support under its operational procedures for the expedited financing of national communications from non-Annex I Parties in order to facilitate preparatory stocktaking and stakeholder consultations.

Annex II

Status of the preparation of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention that have not yet submitted them

Party <i>(least developed countries in italics)</i>	Date of ratification of the Convention	Date of disbursement of GEF funds	Indicated date of submission of national communication	Status of preparation of initial national communication by non-Annex I Parties that have not yet submitted them			National web site
				General status	Greenhouse gas inventory	General description of steps	
<i>Afghanistan</i>	19 September 2002	Project proposal being prepared	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
<i>Angola</i>	17 May 2000	Has not applied for funds	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
Bahrain	28 December 1994	November 1997	2004	Completed	Completed (May 2000) (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Completed	No information available
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 September 2000	No information available	No information available	Request for USD 15,000 funding of stocktaking activities was submitted	No update provided	No update provided	No update provided
Brazil	28 February 1994	December 1996	Awaiting government approval	Ongoing	Ongoing (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Ongoing	www.mct.gov.br/clima

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				General status	Greenhouse gas inventory	General description of steps	
Cameroon	19 October 1994	May 1998	No update provided	Draft completed. Awaiting government endorsement	Completed (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Completed	No information available
China	5 January 1993	November 2001	July 2004	Ongoing	Under expert review	Under government review	www.ccchina.gov.cn
Cyprus	15 October 1997	Has not applied for funds	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	16 August 2000	Has not applied for funds	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
Fiji	25 February 1993	June 1997	June 2004	Ongoing	Completed (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines) (Year: 1992, IPCC 1995 Guidelines)	Completed	No web site available
Gabon	21 January 1998	December 1998	2004	Completed	Completed	Completed	No information available
<i>Guinea-Bissau</i>	27 October 1995	September 1998	2004	Completed	Completed	Completed	No information available
India	1 November 1993	July 2001	May 2004	Ongoing	Ongoing (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Ongoing	Under development

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				General status	Greenhouse gas inventory	General description of steps	
Kuwait	28 December 1994	Has not applied for funds	No information available	No update provided	No update provided	No update provided	No information available
<i>Liberia</i>	5 November 2002	Project proposal being prepared	No information available	No information available	No information available	No update provided	No information available
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 1999	February 2002	December 2004	Ongoing	Completed	Ongoing	No information available
Malta	17 March 1994	January 2002	2004	Completed	Completed	Completed	www.environment.gov.mt/
<i>Mozambique</i>	25 August 1995	September 1997	June 2004	In the process of finalizing	Completed (May 2000) (Year: 1990, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines) (Year: 1994)	No information available	No web site available
<i>Myanmar</i>	25 November 1994	No information available	No information available	Project proposal being prepared	Inventory to be updated	To be initiated	No information available
<i>Nepal</i>	2 May 1994	December 2000	No update provided	Completed. Awaiting government endorsement	Completed	Completed	No information available
Oman	8 February 1995	Project document being finalized	No update provided	No update provided	Completed (Year: 1990, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines) (Year: 1998, IPCC 1995 Guidelines)	Completed	No information available

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				General status	Greenhouse gas inventory	General description of steps	
Qatar	18 April 1996	Has not applied for funds yet	No information available	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Under development
<i>Rwanda</i>	18 August 1998	November 2001	No information available	No update provided	Completed	No update provided	No information available
San Marino	28 October 1994	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available
<i>São Tomé and Príncipe</i>	29 September 1999	June 2002	December 2004	Almost completed	Completed (Year: 1990, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Almost completed	www.uns.st/climastp
Saudi Arabia	28 December 1994	June 2002	2004	Completed	Completed	Completed	No information available
Serbia and Montenegro	12 March 2001	Starting to prepare project proposal	No information available	No information available	No information available	No information available	No web site available
<i>Sierra Leone</i>	22 June 1995	Disbursement date awaited	No information available	Ongoing	No update provided	No update provided	No information available
<i>Solomon Islands</i>	28 December 1994	June 1997	2004	Completed	Completed (February 1999) (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Completed	www.met.gov.sb
Suriname	14 October 1996	December 1999	2004	First draft ready	Completed	Completed	Under development
Syrian Arab Republic	4 January 1996	No information available	No information available	No update provided	No update provided	No information available	No information available
Tonga	20 July 1998	December 2000	June 2004	Ongoing	Completed	Ongoing	www.tonfon.to/tccp
United Arab Emirates	29 December 1995	No information available	December 2004	Ongoing	Almost completed	Ongoing	No information available

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				General status	Greenhouse gas inventory	General description of steps	
Venezuela	28 December 1994	January 2002	June 2004	Ongoing	Completed (May 1996) (Year: 1990, IPCC 1995 Guidelines) (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	To be initiated	www.unfccc.int/ resource/ccsites/ venezuel/
<i>Zambia</i>	28 May 1993	July 1998	No information available	Completed. Government approval pending	Completed (March 1999) (Year: 1994, Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines)	Completed (March 1999)	www.unfccc.int/res ource/ccsites/ zambia/