

Submission of the United States
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Information on National Systems under Article 5.1 of the Kyoto Protocol for
Greenhouse Gas Inventories
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The United States recognizes the steady and substantial improvement in the quality of national greenhouse gas inventories from Annex I Parties over the last decade. The United States notes that those Annex I Parties which have consistently submitted high quality inventories by the annual April 15 deadline each year have also established an effective national inventory management system. Based on Annex I inventories review reports, it is evident that the Parties experiencing difficulties meeting submission deadlines or submitting incomplete inventories have not yet been able to develop a fully functioning national system. Given the importance of national inventory systems in ensuring inventory quality and timely submissions, the US supports the proposal to hold a technical workshop on national inventory systems in the first half of 2005 to share experiences across Annex I Parties. This workshop will be relevant to all Annex I Parties, regardless of the applicability of Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol.