

Submission by the Government of Japan on the common tabular format for electronic reporting of information in line with the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” as contained in annex I to decision 2/CP.17

The Government of Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on common tabular format (CTF) for electronic reporting of information in line with the “UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties” as contained in annex I to decision 2/CP.17.

Japan proposes the draft tables for information specified in paragraphs 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22 and 23 of the UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties (Annex I of Decision 2/CP.17, hereinafter “BR guidelines”) as the file attached (SBSTA_submission_CTF_Japan.xls).

1. General Comments

- CTF should be in line with the BR guidelines. Therefore, it should include all elements that are required to be reported in the relevant paragraphs of the BR guidelines in as simple as possible manner.
- It is also important to take into consideration the consistency with the existing reporting table provided in the reporting guidelines of National Communication (FCCC/CP/1999/7). Relevant reporting tables available in the existing reporting scheme should be used in the CTF for BR guidelines as much as possible.

2. Supplementary views and explanations of tables for information specified in each paragraph of the BR guidelines

II. “Summary information from the national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory on emissions and emission trends” (Paragraph 2 of the BR guidelines)

This table should be consistent with the common reporting format (CRF) of annual GHG inventories of Annex I country Parties. “Table 10 EMISSION TRENDS” of the CRF can be used for this table.

For the first Biennial Report (BR) submission by January 2014, this table should be consistent with the sector clarification of the Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines, since Annex I country Parties estimate GHG emissions based on the Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines and the Good Practice Guidance. However, since Annex I country Parties have to estimate GHG emissions based on the 2006 IPCC guidelines for the second BR submission and thereafter, this table in the second and subsequent BR should be consistent with the sector clarification of 2006 IPCC guidelines.

III. “Quantified economy-wide emission reduction target, including any conditions or assumptions that are relevant to the attainment of that target” (Paragraph 5 of the BR guidelines)

The necessary and sufficient information should be included in this table in order to understand the assumptions and conditions related to quantified economy-wide emission reduction target of each developed countries. From the point of view, the following elements specified in the paragraph 5 should be included together with description of the target.

- (a) Base year
- (b) Gases and sectors covered
- (c) Global warming potential values;
- (d) Approach to counting emissions and removals from the land use, land-use change and forestry

- (LULUCF) sector;
- (e) Use of international market-based mechanisms in achieving its emission reduction target
- (f) Any other information, including relevant accounting rules

IV.A. “Information on its mitigation actions” (Paragraph 6 of the BR guidelines)

This table should be based on the table 1 “Summary of policies and measures by sector” of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on National Communications.

IV.B. “Information on the emission reduction target for the base year and the reported year” (paragraphs 9 and 10 of the BR guidelines)

Emissions and/or removals from the LULUCF sector should be reported as total value in line with paragraph 9 and 10. In addition, it should be allowed to show detailed subcategories of LULUCF such as activity or land level which will be accounted for as a voluntary nature. It is anticipated that approaches to count emissions and removals from the LULUCF sector may vary from party to party, and that for some countries accounting details of the data reported in this table may not be available elsewhere, even in annual greenhouse gas inventories. In order to ensure transparency and continuity, it would be useful and helpful to provide detailed information of the LULUCF sector annual accounting as supplementary documents or reference to existing reporting documents such as annual greenhouse gas inventories where the corresponding information can be found. (Japan intends to report its emissions and removals from the LULUCF sector using Kyoto Protocol elements.)

Emissions and/or removals from the LULUCF sector and units from market-based mechanisms sometimes need specific accounting quantity such as cumulative value of unit or averaging value of a certain time period to estimate achievement of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets depending on approaches that Party will use. In order to accommodate the situation above, accounting quantities cells may facilitate Parties for reporting.

V. “Updated projections for 2020 and 2030” (paragraph 11 of the BR guidelines)

The information specified in paragraph 11 should be reported in three separate tables consistent with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications. The first two tables include the historic and projected trend of emissions and removals by sector and by gas respectively. The other includes the historic and projected trend of key variables and assumptions in the projections analysis such as GDP and population.

VI. A. “Summary information on allocation channels and annual contributions for the previous two calendar or financial years” (paragraph 17 of the BR guidelines)

This table should be based on the table 4 “Financial contributions to multilateral institutions and programmes” of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on National Communication.