

**Submission by the Russian Federation  
on the agenda item 4 of Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement**

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The submission is prepared in accordance to the decision of Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement on the agenda item 4.

Regarding the item 4 **«Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, including, inter alia, as a component of nationally determined contributions, referred to in Article 7, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement.»**:

In order to develop further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, it should be emphasized the importance of the adaptation for all Parties, including developed countries and countries with economies in transition.

The scope of the adaptation does not only covers different sectors of the economy, but also the natural ecosystems. Given the need to protect and enhance the sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases, including forests, which are referred to in the article 5 paragraph 1 of the Paris Agreement, the special attention should be given to preserve biodiversity in forests, to maintain their uneven-aged structure, to preserve and increase forested area.

Economically the problem of adaptation is most urgent in ensuring of the national food security, which is equivalently relevant to all countries.

To develop a further guidance in relation to the adaptation communications, including, as a component of nationally determined contributions, Parties should take into account the need to simplify reporting requirements and increase the periods of their submission, taking into account the present overload of Annex I Parties to the UNFCCC by the reporting. In addition, information on adaptation issues and opportunities as well as adaptation measures might not be updated often. Therefore, the proposed deadline for the submission of such reports – not more than once every six years, meaning that adaptation communications to be a part of every third biennial report.

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