

United States of America – Text Submission

National Action Plans

Article 14. National Action Plans

1. Each Party shall develop a national action plan to describe the measures it intends to take to implement the obligations under this Convention. Each party shall submit an initial national action plan to the Secretariat within 2 years of becoming a party to the instrument. All Parties shall submit updated NAPS 5 years after entry into force of the instrument and every 5 years thereafter on a common timeline.
2. A Party may at any time adjust its national plan, including to enhance its level of ambition.
3. Parties should, in undertaking work pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2, consult national stakeholders to facilitate the development, implementation, and updating of their national plans.
4. Parties may collaborate and coordinate on the development of sub-regional and regional plans, as appropriate.
5. The secretariat shall make national plans submitted by Parties under this Article publicly available.
6. The Conference of the Parties may adopt guidance regarding implementation of this Article.

Work in the interim period between the DipCON and COP1 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting) could include the development of guidance for the preparations of national plans.