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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION INVENTORIES

Tbilisi, Georgia
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(Peer) Review of National Inventories and Uncertainty Management is the theme of the international workshop, which will start on 24th October 2005 Tbilisi's Primavera Hotel. Up to 30 experts from all over the world will meet in the next two days to work on methods for improving national inventory systems and national greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventories. Such inventories are essential for monitoring, forecast and mitigation of emissions from energy, industry, transport, agriculture and other sources, but also for compliance of countries with international obligations. National GHG Inventories are essential part of 2nd National Communications to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which all countries have to submit within next 3 years.

The Tbilisi workshop is the fifth organised under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regional project *Capacity Building for Improving GHG Inventories*. The workshop will serve as forum for information exchange within the regions of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and assist countries in improving the quality of their national inventories. Except for Georgia, countries, covered by the project, include Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, but also experts from Czech republic, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA will contribute to the agenda.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to exchange information, present achieved results and also profit from experience of countries belonging to Annex I of the (UNFCCC).

The workshop seeks to build the capacity of national inventory experts. The main objectives of the workshop are to:

1. (Peer) review of national inventories
2. Presentation of countries' progress and discussions on:
 - a. Improvement of emission factors and/or activity data in project key sources and Implementation of Good Practice elements into national inventories;
 - b. Documentation of Inventories (Manuals, Archiving)
 - c. Developing LT-ST Strategy Programs including QA/QC plans
 - d. Key source analyses, Uncertainty assessment (update)
3. Identify potential obstacles in project performance and countries needs for assistance to ensure that all countries can successfully complete all deliverables in line with project document