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Overview

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## Background and Context

At the 2015 Arctic Council (AC) Ministerial meeting in Iqaluit, Canada, Ministers committed to enhance actions to reduce black carbon and methane emissions at the national level and decided to implement the Framework for Action on Enhanced Black Carbon and Methane. A two-year iterative process was initiated starting on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. According to the Framework each Arctic State committed to share national reports and policies for actions to reduce emissions; measure our collective progress and jointly identify conclusions and recommendations. Arctic Council Observer States were also called upon to join in the actions described in the Framework.

In support of the implementation of the Framework it was decided to establish an expert group.

The deadline for the first round of national submissions and nominations to the expert group was September 1, 2015.

## Update

As of September 18, 2015 the Arctic Council Secretariat has received a total of 11 national submissions and a submission from the European Union.

The submissions have been delivered by:

### Arctic Country Member States:

Finland; Norway; Russia; Sweden and the United States.

### Arctic Country Observer States:

France; Italy; Japan; Poland; Spain; United Kingdom and the European Union.

All the submissions are written in accordance with the “Guidance for National Submissions” contained in the Framework document.

The remaining submissions from Arctic Country Member States are expected to be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Observer States who are interested in taking part in the work under the Framework, but have not yet delivered a submission, are invited to do so in the very near future.

The submissions received so far have been made publicly available at the Arctic Council website. A compilation report featuring the various reports is updated on a regular basis.

The first meeting of the expert group is envisaged to take place in January 2016.