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Ms Christiana Figueres
Executive Secretary
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
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Dear Christiana

I am pleased to notify you formally that New Zealand has adopted a firm and unconditional target of reducing our emissions to 5% below 1990 levels by 2020. As we noted last year, this target is tabled under the United Nations Framework Convention.

Further details, in summary, are:

- The target will be expressed as a carbon budget (a QELRO of 96.8)
- New Zealand, mutatis mutandis, will apply Kyoto Protocol Second Commitment Period rules to accounting for the target
- Our conditional target range, announced initially in the context of the Copenhagen Accord, remains on the table. These conditions are included overleaf
- The New Zealand government remains ready to consider taking on further targets, should the stated conditions for our tabled target range be met
- New Zealand remains a Party to the Kyoto Protocol and will meet its obligations under the Protocol in full

New Zealand is strongly committed to taking significant action on climate change. Committing to a target is one very important component, which sits alongside our support for an ambitious and effective legally binding agreement under the Durban Platform negotiations, as well as our active participation in initiatives such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform.

I look forward to working with you and other countries in further negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tim Groser
Minister for Climate Change Issues

Quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020

Annex I Parties	<i>Quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020</i>	
	Emissions reduction by 2020	Base year
New Zealand	<p>New Zealand is prepared to take on a responsibility target for greenhouse gas emissions reductions of between 10 per cent and 20 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, if there is a comprehensive global agreement. This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the global agreement sets the world on a pathway to limit temperature rise to not more than 2°C; • developed countries make comparable efforts to those of New Zealand; • advanced and major emitting developing countries take action fully commensurate with their respective capabilities; • there is an effective set of rules for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF); and • there is full recourse to a broad and efficient international carbon market. 	1990
New Zealand	Responsibility target of 5 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020.	1990