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This report contains the information required to be reported upon the expiration of the additional period for fulfilling the commitments for the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.

Denne rapporten inneholder den nødvendige informasjonen som skal rapporteres for å innfri forpliktelsen under Kyotoprotokollens første forpliktelsesperiode.

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I. Introduction

1. This report, submitted by Norway on 9 December 2015, contains the information required to be reported upon the expiration of the additional period for fulfilling the commitments for the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the true-up period),¹ in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.²
2. The information contained in this report covers the period 1 January to 18 November 2015, as well as the period 1 January to 31 December 2014, in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 20.
3. The information required to be included in the report is presented using the standard electronic format (SEF) tables in accordance with decision 3/CMP.10, paragraph 3.
4. In addition to the SEF tables, the information required to be included in the report in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, annex, paragraphs 12-16 is presented in reports R2-R5.³

II. Information provided before the submission of the report

5. The SEF tables of Norway (with the file name SEF_NO_2014_CP1.xlsx) covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2014 have been submitted previously and can be found at http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/national_inventories_submissions/items/8812.php
6. The reports R2-R5 of Norway covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2014 have not been submitted previously. Norway had no data to report for R3-R5, but had one discrepant transaction in the R2 report. This is addressed in chapter 12.3 of Norway's National Inventory Report which can be found at http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/national_inventories_submissions/items/8812.php

¹ Section XIII of decision 27/CMP.1 (Procedures and mechanisms related to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol) defines the additional period for fulfilling commitments.

² Decisions 5/CMP.1, 13/CMP.1, 15/CMP.1, 22/CMP.1, 27/CMP.1, 1/CMP.8 and 3/CMP.10.

³ Report R2 (list of discrepant transactions) provides information on any discrepancies identified by the international transaction log, and additional information required under paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R3 (list of clean development mechanism (CDM) notifications) provides information on any notification received by the Party from the Executive Board of the CDM, directing the Party to replace long-term certified emission reductions, in accordance with paragraphs 13–14 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R4 (list of non-replacements) provides information on any record of non-replacement identified by the international transaction log, and the additional information required under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R5 (list of invalid units) provides information on the quantities of Kyoto Protocol units held in the national registry that are not valid for use towards compliance with commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1, in accordance with paragraph 16 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1.

III. Information incorporated into the report

7. The SEF tables of Norway (with the file name SEF_NO_2015_CP1_20151118.xlsx) covering the period 1 January to 18 November 2015 are part of this report. The SEF tables are annexed to this report (see Annex I).
8. The reports R2-R5 of Norway covering the period 1 January to 18 November 2015 are considered not relevant, as Norway has no data to report for R2-R5.

IV. Other information contained in the report

9. In addition to the information presented in sections II and III above, Norway also reports the following information:
 - a) **Information on actions to correct discrepancies, changes to the national registry to prevent discrepancies from reoccurring and resolution of previous questions of implementation pertaining to transactions**
10. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1, Norway reports that no discrepancies have been identified by the international transaction log during the period 1 January to 18 November 2015 or the period 1 January to 31 December 2014; therefore, there was no need to take any action or make any change to its registry with regard to this issue.
11. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1, Norway reports that no questions of implementation pertaining to its transactions have been previously identified.
 - b) **Commitment period reserve**
12. The commitment period reserve (CPR) of Norway is 225 519 117. The calculation of Norway's CPR is contained in chapter G.2 of the "Report on the individual review of the annual submission of Norway submitted in 2014"⁴ and was agreed by the relevant expert review team.
 - c) **Total quantity of units in the retirement account**
13. Table 1 presents the total quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in Norway's retirement account at the end of the true-up period, in accordance with paragraph 49(b) of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1.

⁴ FCCC/ARR/2014/NOR, paragraph 99.

Table 1. Total quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in the retirement account

AAUs	ERUs	RMUs	CERs	tCERs	ICERs	Total
253 134 092	2 605 670	1 824 462	9 260 279	0	0	266 824 503

Abbreviations: AAUs = assigned amount units, CERs = certified emission reductions, ERUs = emission reduction units, RMUs = removal units, tCERs = temporary certified emission reductions, ICERs = long-term certified emission reductions.

Norway stated in its “Initial Report” in 2006 that RMUs issued by Norway from Article 3.4 would not be used to meet the commitment under Article 3.1. The use of 1 824 462 RMUs for retirement was due to technical arrangements that had to be made in order to complete net source cancellation for deforestation. 1 824 462 AAUs had to be used for this net source cancellation, together with 9 947 523 RMUs and because of this the same amount of RMUs was used for compliance.

14. The information regarding the serial numbers of the units mentioned in table 1 are annexed to this report (see Annex I) and can also be found at http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/progress/kyoto_1/documentation_en.htm.

d) Quantity of units in the voluntary cancellation account

15. Table 2 presents a quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in Norway’s voluntary cancellation account at the end of the true-up period. This quantity represents cancelled units corresponding to the 10 per cent overachievement and cancelled units for emissions caused by governmental employees’ international air travel in the years 2008-2011, and their travels in and out of the EEA during 2012, as well as emissions related to the CCS test centre at Mongstad. In addition to this, a total of 7 333 333 RMUs from forest management were cancelled in our national registry. The total overachievement is thus 13 per cent.

Table 2. Quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in the voluntary cancellation account representing Norway’s overachievement.

AAUs	ERUs	RMUs	CERs	tCERs	Total overachievement
5 881 170	480 480	7 333 333	19 694 753	17 712	32 909 256

Abbreviations: AAUs = assigned amount units, CERs = certified emission reductions, ERUs = emission reduction units, RMUs = removal units, tCERs = temporary certified emission reductions, ICERs = long-term certified emission reductions.

In addition to the voluntary cancellation shown in table 2, representing Norway’s overachievement, 524 791 units were voluntarily cancelled in the Norwegian registry after being purchased as offsets by the general public through a credit purchasing web service.

- e) Total quantity of units requested to be carried over to the second commitment period**

16. Table 3 presents the total quantity of emission reduction units, certified emission reductions and assigned amount units that Norway requests to be carried over to the second commitment period, in accordance with paragraph 49(c) of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1.

Table 3. Total quantity of Kyoto Protocol units requested to be carried over from the first to the second commitment period

AAUs	ERUs	CERs
8 575 385	6 264 420	3 579 869

Abbreviations: AAUs = assigned amount units, CERs = certified emission reductions, ERUs = emission reduction units.

Out of the units that Norway requests to be carried over to the second commitment period, 2 249 869 CERs, 738 305 ERUs and 5 984 774 AAUs are held in Party Holding accounts and 1 330 000 CERs, 5 526 115 ERUs and 2 590 611 AAUs are held in Entity Holding accounts.

The carry-over of 5 983 385 AAUs in the Party Holding account is due an exchange of CERs and ERUs against EUAs that was performed in the Union Registry. These AAUs will be carried over to the second commitment period and will be held as a reserve in case they are needed to cover phase 3 ETS emissions. The remaining 1389 AAUs in the Party Holding account was returned from the ETS Central Clearing Account due to the finalisation of accounting between EU ETS phase 2 and Kyoto Protocol commitment period 1.

17. The information regarding the serial numbers of the units mentioned in table 3 are annexed to this report (see Annex I) and can also be found at http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/progress/kyoto_1/documentation_en.htm

Annex I

SEF tables of Norway - SEF_NO_2015_CP1_20151118.xlsx

Serial numbers retired units - NO_retirement_serial_number_en.xlsx

Serial numbers for carry-over - NO_serial_number_carry_over.xlsx

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