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**Workshop on the proposal of the Russian Federation
Bonn, 11 May 2007**

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on the proposal of the Russian Federation to develop appropriate procedures
for the approval of voluntary commitments**

Information note by the secretariat

I. Mandate and background

1. At the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in Montreal, during the discussions on Article 3.9 of the Kyoto Protocol, which lead to the establishment of the Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG), the Russian Federation proposed that the AWG be mandated to develop appropriate procedures for the approval of voluntary commitments. CMP 1 requested the President to hold consultations on how to address this issue and to report the results of his consultations to the CMP at its second session.
2. The CMP at its second session requested its President to convene a workshop during the sessional period in May 2007 to clarify and explore the scope and implications of the proposal by the Russian Federation and to prepare a report, on his own responsibility, on the proceedings and main points raised at this workshop.¹
3. It also invited the Russian Federation to further elaborate its proposal for presentation at the workshop and to make it available to the Parties in advance through the secretariat. Responding to the invitation of the CMP, the Russian Federation has prepared a written outline of its presentation further elaborating on its proposal. The secretariat has circulated the submission by the Russian Federation to the national focal points.
4. The CMP at its second session decided to consider, at its third session, under the agenda item dealing with other matters, the report of the President on the workshop on the proposal by the Russian Federation.
5. The CMP at its second session invited Parties to submit their views on this matter to the secretariat by 17 August 2007, for circulation in advance of the third session of the CMP.

¹ See FCCC/KP/CMP/2006/10, paras 98–102.

II. Purpose of the workshop

6. The workshop is aimed at facilitating the clarification of the scope and implications of the proposal by the Russian Federation and enabling an open exchange of views.

III. Organization of work

7. The workshop will take place on Friday, 11 May 2007, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Saal Beethoven.
8. Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar will chair the workshop on behalf of the President of the COP.
9. The workshop will open with a presentation by the Russian Federation elaborating the proposal. This will be followed by discussion. Participants that wish to make presentations or interventions are free to request the floor at any time during the workshop. Advance indication to the secretariat of the intention to make a presentation, in particular if the presentation will be supported by slides, is required for logistical purposes.
