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## INFORMATION NOTE

### Initial eligibility of Austria, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland

The enforcement branch of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol held its second meeting in Bonn, Germany, from 5 to 6 September 2007. The enforcement branch considered the issue of initial eligibility under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, and the treatment by the Compliance Committee of the reports of expert review teams (ERTs), on initial reports of Annex I Parties that do not contain questions of implementation. The enforcement branch took note of the five ERT reports on initial reports of Austria, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland, and noted that no questions of implementation are indicated in these ERT reports. The publication of these five reports and their forwarding to the Compliance Committee are important milestones in the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The secretariat is providing this information note to Parties in relation to the report of the enforcement branch in view of the significant interest generated by the question of initial eligibility and inquiries received regarding when a Party is considered to meet the eligibility requirements for the flexibility mechanisms. In this context, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 3/CMP.1, paragraph 22 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1, and paragraph 3 of the annex to decision 11/CMP.1.

In light of the report of the enforcement branch, the following Parties will be considered to meet the eligibility requirements for the flexibility mechanisms on the dates indicated beside their names, without prejudice to the right of any Party to raise a question of implementation, in accordance with section VI, paragraph 1 of the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol (annex to decision 27/CMP.1):

Party	Expected date of eligibility
Austria	5 April 2008
Hungary	1 January 2008
Japan	1 January 2008
New Zealand	1 January 2008
Switzerland	10 March 2008




A publicly accessible list of Parties that meet the eligibility requirements and Parties that have been suspended in accordance with the relevant provisions of the procedures and mechanisms will be maintained on the UNFCCC website pursuant to paragraph 27 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 and paragraph 4 of the annex to decision 11/CMP.1. For purposes of transparency, this list will also initially reflect the date when such Parties will be considered to meet the eligibility requirements for the flexibility mechanisms.

I will continue to work with the Compliance Committee on the issue of timely eligibility of Parties.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by Feng Gao)

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