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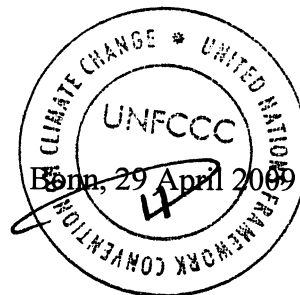
The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

The secretariat has the honour to inform Parties and signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that on 22 April 2009 the secretariat received a letter dated 16 April 2009 from Malta in which Malta proposed that pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention), the Conference of the Parties, at its fifteenth session in December 2009, adopts an amendment to Annex I of the Convention with a view to adding the name of Malta to that Annex. The letter, including the proposed amendment in an annex, received by the secretariat is attached.

The procedures for amending an Annex to the Convention are contained in Articles 15 and 16 of the Convention. Article 15, paragraph 1, of the Convention states that "Any Party may propose amendments to the Convention". Article 15, paragraph 2, of the Convention states that "Amendments to the Convention shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties. The text of any proposed amendment to the Convention shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate proposed amendments to the signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depositary."

The proposal will be included in the provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties. The full text of the proposal will also be issued as an official document of the Conference of the Parties in all official languages of the United Nations.

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.





**Letter dated 16 April 2009 from Malta
to the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

In accordance with Articles 15 and 16 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention), Malta, as a Party to the Convention, proposes an amendment to Annex I to the Convention with a view to adding the name of Malta to that Annex.

The text of the proposed amendment is annexed to this letter.

The rationale for this proposal is *sui generis*. Malta does not intend to differentiate itself from other Parties. Rather, in consequence of its changed political circumstances as a Member State of the European Union, Malta seeks to put itself on the same legal footing as the other Member States of the European Union that are included in Annex I to the Convention and to join them in their commitment to advance a global venture that Malta is proud to have launched in the United Nations General Assembly over twenty years ago.

Malta proposes that this amendment be adopted at the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 7 to 18 December 2009. Malta requests the Convention secretariat to circulate the proposed amendment to the Parties to the Convention at least six months before the opening of that session and to communicate it to the Depositary for information.

Malta further requests that an item on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Convention be included in the provisional agenda to the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

(Signed): George Pullicino
Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs
Malta



Annex

**Proposed amendment to Annex I to
the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

The following text shall be inserted between the entries for Luxembourg and Monaco:

Malta

Bonn, 29 April 2009