



FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE - Secretariat  
CONVENTION - CADRE SUR LES CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES - Secrétariat

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The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the secretariat) presents its compliments to the National Focal Points for climate change and to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

The secretariat has the honour to inform Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Parties and signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) that on 28 May 2010 the secretariat received a letter of the same date from Grenada which sets out a proposal for amendments to the Kyoto Protocol and requests the secretariat to communicate the text of the proposed amendments to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Parties and signatories to the Convention. The letter is attached, and the text of the proposed amendments, as received, is contained in the annex to this note.

The procedures for adoption of amendments to the Kyoto Protocol and its annexes are contained in Articles 20 and 21 of the Protocol. Article 20, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol states that "any Party may propose amendments to this Protocol". Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol provides that "amendments to this Protocol shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol. The text of any proposed amendment to this Protocol 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 the text of any proposed amendments to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depository".

Article 21, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol states that "any Party may make proposals for an annex to this Protocol and may propose amendments to annexes to this Protocol". Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol provides that "annexes to this Protocol and amendments to annexes to this Protocol shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol. The text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex 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 the text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depository".

The proposal will be included in the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The full text of the proposal will also be issued as an official document of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in all of the official languages of the United Nations.

The secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the National Focal Points for climate change and to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, 28 May 2010



**Letter dated 28 May 2010 from Grenada addressed to the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change proposing amendments to the Kyoto Protocol**

Mr Yvo de Boer  
Executive Secretary  
United Nations Framework  
Convention on Climate Change

28 May 2010

Dear Executive Secretary

On 12 December 2009, Grenada, on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), submitted to the secretariat a 'Proposal by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) for the Survival of the Kyoto Protocol and a Copenhagen Protocol to Enhance the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change', as input to the work of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) and the Ad-hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP).

The submission was contained in FCCC/AWGLCA/2009/MISC.8, and comprised a proposed 'Protocol to Enhance the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change' and a set of proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol.

I respectfully request that the secretariat communicate to the Parties the attached 'Proposed Protocol to Enhance the Implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change', pursuant to Article 17 of the UNFCCC, in order that it may be adopted at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

In addition, I respectfully request that the secretariat communicate to the Parties the attached 'Proposed amendments to the Kyoto Protocol', pursuant to Article 20 of the Kyoto Protocol, in order that they may be adopted at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

On behalf of AOSIS, Grenada wishes to express its appreciation to the secretariat for its assistance in communicating these texts to the parties to the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol.

*(signed)*

Ambassador Dessima Williams  
Chair, AOSIS  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

*The following paragraph shall be inserted after Article 3 paragraph 1 of the Protocol:*

Article 3.1 bis. The Parties included in Annex I shall, individually or jointly, ensure that their aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of greenhouse gases listed in Annex A do not exceed their assigned amounts, calculated pursuant to the quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments inscribed in Annex B and in accordance with the provisions of this Article, to reduce overall emissions of such gases [33] per cent below 1990 levels in the commitment period 2013-2017, towards the aim of reducing overall emissions of such gases by at least [45] per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 .

*The following paragraph shall be inserted after Article 3 paragraph 7 of the Protocol:*

Article 3.7 bis. In the second quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment period, from 2013 to 2017, the assigned amount for each Party included in Annex I shall be equal to the percentage inscribed for it in Annex B of its aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A in 1990, or the base year or period determined in accordance with paragraph 5 above, multiplied by five.

*The following paragraph shall be added to Article 3 of the Protocol after paragraph 9:*

9 bis The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall initiate the consideration of further commitments at least seven years before the end of any commitment period.

*The following paragraph shall be added to Article 6 of the Protocol after paragraph 5:*

5bis The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall ensure that a share of the proceeds from approved project activities established under this Article is used to cover administrative expenses as well as to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation.

*Rename the paragraph in Article 17 as paragraph 1 and insert Article 17, paragraph 2:*

2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall ensure that a share of the proceeds from the issuance of assigned amount units is used to cover administrative expenses as well as to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation.

*Rename the paragraph in Article 18 as paragraph 1 and insert Article 18, paragraph 2:*

2. In accordance with paragraph 1 above, the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol adopted by decision 27/CMP.1 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall apply.



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*The following paragraph shall be added after Article 15 of the Protocol as Article 15bis.*

Without prejudice to the legal status, immunities accorded to the Convention secretariat, officials, a Party or Parties, persons, officials, representatives of Members by the Headquarters Protocol with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol shall examine the issue of immunities for persons serving on bodies constituted under this Protocol.



*Annex A shall be replaced with the following:*

## **Annex A**

### Greenhouse gases

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)

Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)

Perfluorinated compounds

    Sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)

    Nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>)

Hydrofluoroethers/Fluorinated ethers (HFEs)

Perfluoropolyethers (PFPMIE)

Trifluoromethyl sulphur pentafluoride (SF<sub>5</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)

### Sectors/source categories

Energy

    Fuel combustion

    Energy industries

    Manufacturing industries and construction

    Transport

    Other sectors

    Other

Fugitive emissions from fuels

    Solid fuels

    Oil and natural gas

    Other

Industrial processes

    Mineral products

    Chemical industry

    Metal production

    Other production

    Production of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride

    Consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride

    Other

Solvent and other product use

Agriculture

    Enteric fermentation

    Manure management

    Rice cultivation

    Agricultural soils

    Prescribed burning of savannas

    Field burning of agricultural residues

    Other

Waste



Annex B shall be replaced with the following:

**Annex B**

| Party               | Quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment (2008-2012) (percentage of base year or period) | Quantified emission reduction commitment (2013-2017) (percentage of base year or period) |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Australia           | 108  |  |
| Austria             | 92   |  |
| Belgium             | 92   |  |
| Belarus+            |  |  |
| Bulgaria*           | 92   |  |
| Canada              | 94   |  |
| Croatia*            | 95   |  |
| Czech Republic*     | 92   |  |
| Denmark             | 92   |  |
| Estonia*            | 92   |  |
| European Community  | 92   |  |
| Finland             | 92   |  |
| France              | 92   |  |
| Germany             | 92   |  |
| Greece              | 92   |  |
| Hungary*            | 94   |  |
| Iceland             | 110  |  |
| Ireland             | 92   |  |
| Italy               | 92   |  |
| Japan               | 94   |  |
| Kazakhstan^         |  |  |
| Latvia*             | 92   |  |
| Liechtenstein       | 92   |  |
| Lithuania*          | 92   |  |
| Luxembourg          | 92   |  |
| Malta±              |  |  |
| Monaco              | 92   |  |
| Netherlands         | 92   |  |
| New Zealand         | 100  |  |
| Norway              | 101  |  |
| Poland*             | 94   |  |
| Portugal            | 92   |  |
| Romania*            | 92   |  |
| Russian Federation* | 100  |  |
| Slovakia*           | 92   |  |
| Slovenia*           | 92   |  |
| Spain               | 92   |  |
| Sweden              | 92   |  |
| Switzerland         | 92   |  |



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| Ukraine*   | 100 |  |
| United Kingdom of Great  | 92  |  |
| Britain and Northern Ireland   |     |  |
| United States of America   | 93  |  |
| *Countries that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy. + Countries that have proposed amendment to the Kyoto Protocol which is still to come into effect. |     |  |
| ^ Country which will request an amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol to include a target for emission levels   |     |  |
| ± Country which is under consideration to join Annex I   |     |  |

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