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Secrétaire exécutive

Date: 22 March 2016
Reference: CAS/LA/Paris Agreement II

MESSAGE TO PARTIES

I have the pleasure to refer to the Paris Agreement, adopted on 12 December 2015 at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015.

On 17 March 2016, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary of the Paris Agreement, transmitted certified true copies of the Agreement to all Member States of the United Nations and Parties to the Convention. These certified true copies have been made available for the purpose of enabling Parties to the Convention to complete the internal procedures required for participation in the Agreement, including for signing it.

I would like to encourage all Parties to the Convention to participate in the high-level signature ceremony to be convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 in New York. I take this opportunity to remind Parties of the requirements for signing the Agreement as indicated in my previous message to Parties, dated 2 March 2016.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed by)

Christiania Figueres

Enclosure: Notification relating to the certified true copies of the Paris Agreement
Message to Parties dated 2 March 2016

Distribution: To Parties and observer State through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany

Reference: C.N.92.2016.TREATIES-XXVII.7.d (Depositary Notification)

PARIS AGREEMENT
PARIS, 12 DECEMBER 2015

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary and with reference to depositary notification C.N.63.2016.TREATIES-XXVII.7.d of 16 February 2016 announcing the opening for signature of the above Agreement, has the honour to transmit herewith a certified true copy of the Agreement.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to call the attention of the competent authorities to the fact that certified true copies are established specifically for the purpose of enabling the Governments concerned to complete the internal procedures required for participation in the Agreement at the international level. For budgetary reasons, certified true copies are printed in limited numbers, and it is expected that any additional copies that may be required could be reproduced by the authorities concerned themselves on the basis of the copy accompanying the present notification. Electronic copies are also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website at the following address:
https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2016/02/20160215%2006-03%20PM/Ch_XXVII-7-d.pdf.

17 March 2016



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I would like to refer to the Paris Agreement adopted on 12 December 2015 at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP) held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015.

On 16 February 2016, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary of the Agreement, issued a Notification informing Parties that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of COP decision 1/CP.21, he is convening a high-level ceremony for the opening for signature of the Agreement at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 April 2016. I would like to encourage all Parties to participate in the signing ceremony organized by the Secretary-General.

In this context, it should be noted that Parties intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony on 22 April 2016 need to send to the Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs as soon as possible, and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, the communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three competent authorities.

I am pleased to inform Parties that the Agreement is now available in all six official United Nations languages on the [UNFCCC website](#) and that certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation and will be circulated to States by the Depositary as soon as possible.

I take this opportunity to thank all Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for their continued support to the UNFCCC secretariat.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed by)

Christiana Figueres