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NOTIFICATION

This notification is addressed to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and, for information, to other Parties to the Convention. It is being sent to national focal points for climate change, and for those Parties that have not yet identified national focal points it is being sent to their diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany. In all cases, the communication is copied to the diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany and to permanent missions to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. For those Parties not accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, it is being sent to permanent missions in New York or ministries of foreign affairs as appropriate.

On 9 February 2006, the secretariat received a letter from Belarus in which Belarus proposed, in response to decision 32/CMP.1 (*Determination of a quantified emission reduction commitment for Belarus*) and pursuant to Articles 18, 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol, that Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change be amended to include Belarus. The official translation of the letter received from Belarus is attached.

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, states 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 Depositary."

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

Original Signed
Richard J. Kinley
à signé l'original

Richard Kinley
Officer-in-Charge



**Official translation of the letter dated 9 February 2006 from Belarus
to the secretariat of the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

In accordance with Articles 18, 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (referred to below as the Kyoto Protocol), the Republic of Belarus, as a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, proposes an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol in the form of the addition of Belarus to annex B to the Kyoto Protocol, as set out in decision FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/L.10 adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The text of the proposed amendment is attached.

Belarus proposes that this amendment be adopted at the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

In accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol, Belarus requests the secretariat to circulate the proposed amendment to the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at least six months before the beginning of the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Belarus also requests to include the item on the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Kyoto Protocol in the preliminary agenda of the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Signed

L.I. Khoruzhik
Minister



Attachment

Draft proposed amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be inserted between the entries for Austria and Belgium

ANNEX B

Party	Quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment (percentage of base year or period)
Belarus*	95

* Signifies that Belarus is one of the countries that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy.