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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

This message is being sent to Parties and Observer States to the Kyoto Protocol. It is addressed to their National Focal Points for Climate Change. For those Parties that have not yet identified National Focal Points, the message is being sent to their Diplomatic Missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany; for those Parties not accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, it is being sent to the Permanent Missions in New York or Ministries of Foreign Affairs as appropriate. In all cases, the communication is copied to the Diplomatic Missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

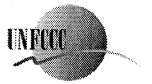
The secretariat, after consulting the Bureau of COP 10, would like to draw to the attention of Parties that, in accordance with decision 24/CP.7, the Compliance Committee will be elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties at its first session.

Parties may recall that in decision 24/CP.7 of the Marrakesh Accords, the COP adopted the text containing procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol, and recognized the need to prepare for the timely operation of the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol.

With a view to COP/MOP electing the members of the Compliance Committee at its first session, Parties may wish to begin consultations on nominations within regional and other groups. In accordance with the usual practice, these nominations should be submitted through regional group coordinators. Consultations among Parties included in Annex I and Parties not included in Annex I for this purpose are to be undertaken at COP/MOP1 in a manner to allow the election to take place at COP/MOP1.

The basis for electing members/alternates has been agreed in decision 24/CP.7, and an extract of the relevant text is in the annex to this message.

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Parties are invited to submit their nominations, including a brief curriculum vitae of the individuals nominated, keeping in mind the agreed competencies for the members of the respective branches of the Compliance Committee. These nominations and CVs will be transmitted to the relevant regional or other group coordinators and, in a spirit of transparency, posted on the secretariat's web site when they are received. Parties wishing to make nominations directly to the appropriate regional group coordinator should feel free to do so. In making nominations, Parties are reminded of decision 36/CP.7 on improving the participation of women in elected bodies.

Yours sincerely,

**Original Signed
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Annex

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II. COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

1. A compliance committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", is hereby established.
2. The Committee shall function through a plenary, a bureau and two branches, namely, the facilitative branch and the enforcement branch.
3. The Committee shall consist of twenty members elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, ten of whom are to be elected to serve in the facilitative branch and ten to be elected to serve in the enforcement branch.
4. Each branch shall elect, from among its members and for a term of two years, a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be from a Party included in Annex I and one from a Party not included in Annex I. These persons shall constitute the bureau of the Committee. The chairing of each branch shall rotate between Parties included in Annex I and Parties not included in Annex I in such a manner that at any time one chairperson shall be from among the Parties included in Annex I and the other chairperson shall be from among the Parties not included in Annex I.
5. For each member of the Committee, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall elect an alternate member.
6. Members of the Committee and their alternates shall serve in their individual capacities. They shall have recognized competence relating to climate change and in relevant fields such as the scientific, technical, socio-economic or legal fields.

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IV. FACILITATIVE BRANCH

1. The facilitative branch shall be composed of:
 - (a) One member from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations and one member from the small island developing States, taking into account the interest groups as reflected by the current practice in the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) Two members from Parties included in Annex I; and
 - (c) Two members from Parties not included in Annex I.
2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall elect five members for a term of two years and five members for a term of four years. Each time thereafter, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall elect five new members for a term of four years. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.
3. In electing the members of the facilitative branch, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall seek to reflect competences in a balanced manner in the fields referred to in section II, paragraph 6, above.

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V. ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

1. The enforcement branch shall be composed of:
 - (a) One member from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations and one member from the small island developing States, taking into account the interest groups as reflected by the current practice in the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (b) Two members from Parties included in Annex I; and
 - (c) Two members from Parties not included in Annex I.
2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall elect five members for a term of two years and five members for a term of four years. Each time thereafter, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall elect five new members for a term of four years. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.
3. In electing the members of the enforcement branch, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall be satisfied that the members have legal experience.

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