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Draft decision proposed by the Chair

Draft decision -/CMP.2

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Acknowledging the proposal of the Republic of Belarus to amend Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol and to assume a quantified emission reduction commitment,

Recalling Articles 3, 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling also its decision 32/CMP.1,

Taking into account the submission from the Republic of Belarus contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2006/2,

Welcoming the efforts undertaken and progress achieved by the Republic of Belarus to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and to comply with the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol,

Noting that the Republic of Belarus has provided its written consent for the adoption of an amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 7, of the Kyoto Protocol, as contained in document FCCC/KP/CMP/2006/9,

1. *Adopts* the amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol as contained in the annex to this decision;
2. *Welcomes* the decision of the Republic of Belarus not to account for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks resulting from forest management under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol and in accordance with decision 16/CMP.1 in the first commitment period;
3. *Also welcomes* that the Republic of Belarus will use any revenues generated from transfers under Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol for further greenhouse gas emission abatement measures, subject to approval by the relevant authorities of the Republic of Belarus;
4. *Decides* that the Republic of Belarus shall, in the first commitment period, maintain, in its national registry, a reserve of seven per cent of its assigned amount calculated pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 7 and 8, of the Kyoto Protocol, in addition to the commitment period reserve as calculated in accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to decision 11/CMP.1;
5. *Invites* Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to ratify, accept or approve the amendment contained in the annex to this decision.

ANNEX

Amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol

The following text¹ shall be inserted between the entries for Austria and Belgium:

Belarus*

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¹ The asterisk below signifies that Belarus is one of the countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy.