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## 1. Introduction

The SIAR Part 2 report assesses the substance of a Party's annual submission with regard to its national registry. Each section contains questions related to the specific items to be assessed.

#### 1.1. Overall assessment

| Ref Nr | Requirement                                                                                 | Assessment     |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| P2.1.1 | Is the information submitted by Party, in relation to its national registry, complete?      | [x]Yes []No    |
| P2.1.2 | Problem found with Party's national registry?                                               | [ ] Yes [x] No |
| P2.1.3 | Any unresolved problem with Party's national registry?                                      | [ ] Yes [x] No |
| P2.1.4 | Problems identified with the significant changes to the Party's national registry?          | [ ] Yes [x] No |
| P2.1.5 | National registry related recommendations from previous annual review were fully addressed? | [ ] Yes [x] No |
| P2.1.6 | Is there any recommendation that needs to be addressed by the Party?                        | [x]Yes []No    |

# 1.2. Summary of findings

| Ref Nr |      | Summary of findings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P2.2.1 | 1.   | The information on Kyoto Protocol units has been reported in accordance with section I.E of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 and is accurate. Iceland is not required to report information on its accounting of Kyoto Protocol units pursuant to Decisions 15/CMP.1 and 14/CMP.1., since the national registry of Iceland has not yet transferred or acquired Kyoto Protocol units. The national registry continues to fulfill the requirements related to its reporting and accounting of information on Kyoto Protocol units, transaction procedures, conformance to the technical standards, security, data integrity and recovery measures. |
|        | 2.   | Iceland is not required to report information on its accounting of Kyoto Protocol units in the required SEF tables, as required by decisions 15/CMP.1 and 14/CMP.1. The SIAR assessor reviewed the findings included in the SIAR on the SEF and the SEF comparison report. The SIAR was forwarded to the ERT prior to the review, pursuant to decision 16/CP.10. The SIAR assessor reiterated the main findings and recommendations contained in the SIAR.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|        | 3.   | No issuances or transactions have occurred in the national registry of Iceland, therefore, the information on the accounting of Kyoto units is not required to be reported as in accordance with section I E of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1, and reported in accordance with decision 14/CMP.1 by means of the SEF tables.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|        | 4.   | Iceland reported no change in its national registry compared with the previous annual submission. The SIAR assessor concluded that the Party's national registry continues to perform the functions set out in the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 and the annex to decision 5/CMP.1, and continues to adhere to the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems in accordance with relevant CMP decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|        | 5.   | Iceland has reported its commitment period reserve in its 2012 annual submission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|        | 6.   | The national registry has not fulfilled the requirements regarding the public availability of information in accordance with section II.E of the annex to decisions 13/CMP.1. The SIAR assessor recommends that Party make available or make comment on its registry's public website the public information according to Paragraphs 44-48 of section II.E of the annex to decisions 13/CMP.1 and recommends that the party make all non confidential public information public within a short time after commencing live operations with the ITL.                                                                                             |
|        | Reco | ommendation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|        | 7.   | The SIAR assessor reiterates the previous ERT recommendation and recommends that Iceland reference the public information pursuant to paragraphs 44 to 48 of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 as detailed in the SIAR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## 2. Identification of Problems

The purpose of this section is to identify any problems with the national registry based on the Party's annual submission and transaction log records that may affect the performance of the functions of the national registry pursuant to paragraph 88 of the annex to decision 22/CMP.1.

| Ref Nr | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment                 | Comment                                                                                                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Assessed in SIAR Part 1.   |                                                                                                                               |
|        | The information is complete and submitted in accordance with section I.E of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 and relevant decisions of the COP/MOP;                                                                                                                                                             | Kept here for completeness |                                                                                                                               |
| P2.2.2 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Problem Identified?        | The Party's national registry is not in full operational                                                                      |
|        | The information relating to issuance, cancellations, retirement, transfers, acquisitions, replacement and carry-over is consistent with information contained in the national registry of the Party concerned and with the records of the transactions log;                                                   | [ ]Yes [x]No               | mode with the ITL. There have not been any issuances or transactions of units during the reporting period. No SEF is required |
| P2.2.3 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Problem Identified?        | The Party's national registry is not in full operational                                                                      |
|        | The information relating to transfers and acquisitions between national registries is consistent with the information contained in the national registry of the Party concerned and with the records of the transaction log, and with information reported by the other Parties involved in the transactions; | [ ]Yes [x]No               | mode with the ITL. There have not been any issuances or transactions of units during the reporting period. No SEF is required |

| Ref Nr | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Assessment                                                                | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P2.2.4 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(d) The information relating to acquisitions of CERs, tCERs, and ICERs from the CDM registry is consistent with the information contained in the national registry of the Party concerned and with the records of the transaction log, and with the clean development mechanism (CDM) registry;                                                                              | Problem Identified? [ ] Yes [x] No                                        | The Party's national registry is not in full operational mode with the ITL. There have not been any issuances or transactions of units during the reporting period. No SEF is required  |
| P2.2.5 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(e)  ERUs, CERs, AAUs and RMUs have been issued, acquired, transferred, cancelled, retired, or carried over to the subsequent or from the previous commitment period in accordance with the annex to decision 13/CMP.1;                                                                                                                                                      | Problem Identified? [ ] Yes [x] No                                        | No discrepancies occurred for the Party and no problem has been identified with regard to its transaction procedures related to ERUs, CERs, AAUs and RMUs.                              |
| P2.2.6 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(f)  tCERs and ICERs have been issued, acquired, transferred, cancelled, retired and replaced, in accordance with the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 and the annex to decision 5/CMP.1;                                                                                                                                                                                          | Problem Identified? [ ] Yes [x] No                                        | No discrepancies occurred for the Party and no problem has been identified with regard to its transaction procedures related to tCERs and ICERS.                                        |
| P2.2.7 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(g)  The information reported under paragraph 11 (a) of section I.E. in the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 on the quantities of units in accounts at the beginning of the year is consistent with information submitted the previous year, taking into account any corrections made to such information, on the quantities of units in accounts at the end of the previous year; | Problem Identified? [ ] Yes [x] No                                        | The Party's national registry is not in full operational mode with the ITL. There have not been any issuances or transactions of units during the reporting period. No SEF is required. |
| P2.2.8 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(h)  The required level of the commitment period reserve, as reported, is calculated in accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to decision 18/CP.7;                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Only assessed by the Expert<br>Review Team.<br>Kept here for completeness |                                                                                                                                                                                         |

|                                               | Ref Nr Requirement Assessment |                                                                                                                                                                              | Comment                                                                                     |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| P2.2                                          | .9                            | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(i)  The assigned amount is calculated to avoid double accounting in accordance with paragraph 9 of the annex to decision 16/CMP.1;                    | Only assessed by the Expert<br>Review Team.<br>Kept here for completeness                   |                                         |
| P2.2                                          | .10                           | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)  A discrepancy has been identified by the transaction log relating to transactions initiated by the Party, and if so the expert review team shall: | Has the discrepancy been identified by the transaction log?  [ ] Yes [x] No                 | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |
| oe (include                                   | P2.2.10.1                     | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)(i)  Verify that the discrepancy has occurred and been correctly identified by the transaction log;                                                 | Has the discrepancy been identified by the transaction log?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [x]N/A          | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |
| Repeat for each discrepancy type Type Number) | P2.2.10.2                     | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)(ii) Assess whether the same type of discrepancy has occurred previously for that Party;                                                            | Has the same type of discrepancy occurred previously for that Party?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [x]N/A | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |
|                                               | P2.2.10.3                     | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)(iii) Assess whether the transaction was completed or terminated;                                                                                   | Was the transaction completed or terminated?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A                       | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |
|                                               | P2.2.10.4                     | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)(iv)  Has the Party corrected the problem that caused the discrepancy?                                                                              | Problem that caused the discrepancy corrected?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A                     | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |

| Ref Nr    | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Assessment                                                                                                               | Comment                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| P2.2.10.5 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(j)(v)  Assess whether the problem that caused the discrepancy relates to the capacity of the national registry to ensure the accurate accounting of Kyoto Protocol units, issuance, holding, transfer, acquisition, cancellation and retirement of ERUs, CERs, tCERS, ICERs, AAUs and RMUs, the replacement of tCERs and ICERs, and the carryover of ERUs, CERs and AAUs | Discrepancy relates to the capacity of the national registry to ensure the accurate accounting?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A | No discrepancies occurred for the Party |

|                                             | Ref Nr    | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Assessment                                                                                                                   | Comment                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| P2.2                                        | .11       | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)  Any record of non-replacement has been sent to the Party by the transaction log in relation to tCERs or ICERs held by the Party, and if so the expert review team shall:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Any tCERs or ICERs subject to non-replacement held by Party?  [ ] Yes [x] No                                                 | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |
| er                                          | P2.2.11.1 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)(i)  Verify that the non-replacement has occurred and been correctly identified by the transaction log;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Has the transaction log identified the non-replacement?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A                                             | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |
| Type numb                                   | P2.2.11.2 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)(ii) Assess whether non-replacement has occurred previously for that Party;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Has this type of non-replacement previously occurred for that Party?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A                                | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |
| each non-replacement type (incl Type number | P2.2.11.3 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)(iii) Assess whether the replacement was subsequently undertaken;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | subsequently undertaken? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A  Has the Party corrected the                                                | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |
|                                             | P2.2.11.4 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)(iv)  Examine the cause of the non-replacement and whether the Party has corrected the problem that caused the non-replacement;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                              | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |
| Repeat for each nor                         | P2.2.11.5 | 22/CMP.1 paragraph 88.(k)(v)  Assess whether the problem that caused the non-replacement relates to the capacity of the national registry to ensure the accurate accounting of Kyoto Protocol units, holding, transfer, acquisition, cancellation, and retirement of ERUs, CERs, tCERs, ICERs, AAUs and RMUs, and the replacement of tCERs and ICERs, and if so, initiate a thorough review of the registry system in accordance with part V of these guidelines. | Non-replacement relates to the capacity of the national registry to ensure the accurate accounting?  [ ] Yes [ ] No [ x ]N/A | No non replacement notifications occurred for the Party |

# 3. Identification of Significant Changes

The purpose of this section is to identify any **significant changes** in the national registry reported by the Party that may affect the performance of the functions contained in the annex to decision 13/CMP.1, the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 and the adherence to the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems in accordance with relevant COP/MOP decisions.

If a change to a Party's national registry has been identified under paragraph 22 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 then information relating to this change should be submitted by the Party in accordance with paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1. This section assesses the submitted changes reported by Party in accordance with paragraph 32 of decision 15/CMP.1, and the further guidance elaborated in the Independent Assessment Report common operational procedure.

|        |                                                                                                                                                             | Has the Party reported a                             | Problem Identified with |                                                  |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Ref Nr | Requirement                                                                                                                                                 | change?                                              | the Change?             | Comment                                          |
| P2.3.1 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(a)  The name and contact information of the registry administrator designated by the Party to maintain the national registry         | Not a significant change, left here for completeness |                         |                                                  |
| P2.3.2 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(b)  The names of the other Parties with which the Party cooperates by maintaining their national registries in a consolidated system | [ ]Yes [x]No                                         | [ ]Yes [ ]No            | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |
| P2.3.3 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(c)  A description of the database structure and capacity of the national registry.                                                   | [ ]Yes [x]No                                         | [ ]Yes [ ]No            | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |

| Ref Nr | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Has the Party reported a change? | Problem Identified with the Change? | Comment                                          |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| P2.3.4 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(d)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | onango:                          | une enanger                         | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |
|        | A description of how the national registry conforms to the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems for the purpose of ensuring the accurate, transparent and efficient exchange of data between national registries, the clean development mechanism registry and the transaction log (decision 19/CP.7, paragraph 1)                                                                                                   | []Yes [x]No                      | []Yes []No                          |                                                  |
| P2.3.5 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(e)  A description of the procedures employed in the national registry to minimize discrepancies in the issuance, transfer, acquisition, cancellation and retirement of ERUs, CERs, tCERs, ICERs, AAUs and/or RMUs, and replacement of tCERs and ICERs, and of the steps taken to terminate transactions where a discrepancy is notified and to correct problems in the event of a failure to terminate the transactions | []Yes [x]No                      | []Yes []No                          | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |
| P2.3.6 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(f)  An overview of security measures employed in the national registry to prevent unauthorized manipulations and to prevent operator error and of how these measures are kept up to date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | [ ]Yes [x]No                     | []Yes []No                          | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |

| 5 (1)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Has the Party reported a                             | Problem Identified with |                                                  |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Ref Nr  | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | change?                                              | the Change?             | Comment                                          |
| P2.3.7  | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(g)  A list of the information publicly accessible by means of the user interface to the national registry                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Not a significant change, left here for completeness |                         |                                                  |
| P2.3.8  | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(h)  The Internet address of the interface to its national registry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Not a significant change, left here for completeness |                         |                                                  |
| P2.3.9  | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(i)  A description of measures taken to safeguard, maintain and recover data in order to ensure the integrity of data storage and the recovery of registry services in the event of a disaster                                                                                                                            | [ ]Yes [x]No                                         | []Yes []No              | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |
| P2.3.10 | 15/CMP.1 paragraph 32.(j)  The results of any test procedures that might be available or developed with the aim of testing the performance, procedures and security measures of the national registry undertaken pursuant to the provisions of decision 19/CP.7 relating to the technical standards for data exchange between registry systems. | []Yes [x]No                                          | []Yes []No              | No changes occurred for the Party for this item. |

#### 4. Recommendations

#### 4.1. Previous Expert Review Team recommendations

This section assesses Party's response to the previous annual review recommendations.

| Ref Nr   | Recommendation from previous Annual Review report (with ref)                                                                                                                                              | Has Party acted on recommendation? | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P2.4.1.1 | FCCC/ARR/2011/ISL 19/12/2011 48 (h):Provide the required public information in accordance with paragraphs 44–48 in section II.E of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 on the public national registry website | [x]Yes []No                        | In [NIR] Party has addressed why they have not made any information public and when they expect to make the required information public, but the SIAR Assessor recommends that a statement be made on the public website addressing when such information will be made |
|          | Hational registry website                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    | available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

#### 4.2. Recommendations to address identified problems

If a problem has been identified earlier in section 2 and 3 or a previous recommendation listed in section 4.1 has not been taken into account, then this section of the report lists a recommendation for each problem to be brought to the attention to the Expert Review Team.

| Ref Nr   | Recommendation Ref                                   | Recommendation description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Comment           |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| P2.4.2.1 | P2.4.1.1;<br>FCCC/ARR/2011/ISL<br>19/12/2011 48 (h): | The SIAR assessor reiterates the previous ERT recommendation and recommends that Iceland reference the public information pursuant to paragraphs 44 to 48 of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 as detailed in the SIAR within a short period of commencing live operations with the ITL. | See 2.4.1.1 above |