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## **MESSAGE TO PARTIES**

### **Completion of Expert Review Process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol for the First Commitment Period**

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) wishes to announce the completion of the expert review process under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol for 2012, the last year of the first commitment period (CP1).

The last review report relating to the CP1 reporting by Annex I Parties which have quantified emission limitation and reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol was published on 10 July 2015, one month before the official deadline of 10 August 2015 set by decision 3/CMP.10. This completes the review process for greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory data in the CP1 which, altogether, involved preparation of more than 200 technical review reports relating to national GHG emissions and removals data in the period from 2006 to 2015, prepared by international expert review teams (ERTs) under coordination by the UNFCCC secretariat.

Based on this completion date and in accordance with decisions 27/CMP.1 and 3/CMP.10, the additional period for fulfilling commitments in the first commitment period (the “true-up” period) will continue until the hundredth day after 10 August 2015, which is until 18 November 2015. Until 18 November 2015 Annex I Parties which have quantified emission limitation and reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol may continue to acquire and transfer emission reduction units, certified emission reductions, assigned amount units and removal units under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, provided that their eligibility has not been suspended.

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Detailed information on various modalities relating to the “true-up” period is available on the UNFCCC website at:

[http://unfccc.int/kyoto\\_protocol/true-up\\_process/items/9023.php](http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/true-up_process/items/9023.php).

In accordance with decision 13/CMP.1, the compliance assessment for the first commitment period will take place after the expiration of the additional period for fulfilling commitments.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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