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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Information on the deployment of an Enterprise Resource Planning System at the UNFCCC

The United Nations is deploying an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system called Umoja across the global UN. Umoja is an innovative ERP solution and represents a leap forward for the UN in several areas including automation, enhanced transparency, increased financial control and access to real time data.

UNFCCC's deployment of Umoja is scheduled to go-live on 9 November 2015, at the same time as the UN secretariat in New York and the United Nations Office at Geneva. The period between 22 October and 9 November is termed a "**blackout**" period wherein, no data entry will be possible. This period is to allow for the switch over from the current system to Umoja.

The secretariat has put in place extensive measures to ensure that effects during the blackout are minimal and that the system can come back to speed as soon as possible after go-live. This is particularly important in light of two key events – the October session of the ADP and the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21/CMP 11). It should be noted, however, that there may be some delays in processing transactions during this period as everything will be processed manually. Following the deployment it is also expected that there may be some delays as we ramp up activities and clear the backlog arising from the blackout period.

We kindly ask for your understanding during this period of transition and look forward to stabilizing the system as soon as possible and to being in a position to serve you better with a much improved ERP system.

Yours sincerely,

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