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The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol presents its compliments to all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol through their National Focal Points for Climate Change and has the honour to inform them of an initiative to ensure that the Doha Amendment enters into force by the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), to be held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 11 December 2015.

On 8 December 2012, at the eighth session of the CMP, held in Doha, Qatar, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol adopted an amendment to the Protocol establishing a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, from 2013 to 2020. The entry into force of the Doha Amendment is only one part of efforts to enhance ambition in the pre-2020 period.

The Doha Amendment is open to acceptance by **all Parties** to the Kyoto Protocol. For the Amendment to enter into force, **144 Parties to the Protocol** will need to deposit their instruments of acceptance. **To date**, the Depositary has received instruments of acceptance from **only 11 Parties**.

The Secretary-General, in his letter to the Governments of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol dated 13 February 2013, characterized the adoption of the Doha Amendment as “a critical step in the global effort to tackle climate change” and encouraged Parties “to swiftly accept this important Amendment”.

The secretariat will be collecting information relating to the status of ratification of the Doha Amendment from all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that have not yet deposited their instrument of acceptance of the Amendment. In the **first two weeks of September**, a staff member of the secretariat will be **contacting National Focal Points by telephone** to obtain **information on the nature and timing of any steps being taken in relation to the ratification of the Doha Amendment** including, to the extent possible, an indication of when Parties expect to deposit their instruments of acceptance with the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat in New York. The



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secretariat would appreciate if National Focal Points could extend their utmost support and cooperation to the staff member who contacts them regarding this matter.

The status of ratification of the Doha Amendment will be provided to Parties at the forthcoming session of the CMP in Lima, Peru, to be held from 1 to 12 December 2014, under the relevant item of the CMP agenda.

The authentic text of the Doha Amendment in all six official languages of the United Nations is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website at

https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-c&chapter=27&lang=en.

Information on the procedure for the acceptance of the Amendment, including a model instrument of acceptance, is available on the UNFCCC website at

http://unfccc.int/files/kyoto_protocol/doha_amendment/application/pdf/attachment_sg_letter_doha_amendment.pdf >.

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol takes this opportunity to renew to all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol through their National Focal Points for Climate Change the assurances of its highest consideration.

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