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## NOTIFICATION

### Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol

On 8 December 2012, at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), held in Doha, Qatar, the Parties adopted, in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol, an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol by decision 1/CMP.8 (the Doha Amendment).

At CMP 9, the secretariat will provide an update on the status of ratification of the Doha Amendment for consideration by the CMP (see item 2(e) of the provisional agenda of the CMP, document FCCC/KP/CMP/2013/1). **Parties are invited to come to Warsaw with information on the steps that they are taking with regard to the ratification of the Doha Amendment, and to share that information with the CMP and with the secretariat.**

The Doha Amendment is open to acceptance by all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 7, and Article 20, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol, the Amendment will enter into force for those Parties having accepted it on the ninetieth day after the date of receipt by the Depositary of an instrument of acceptance by at least three fourths of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. **Based on the current number of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (192), 144 instruments of acceptance will be required for the Amendment to enter into force. To date, the Depositary has received instruments of acceptance of the Doha Amendment from only three Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (Barbados, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates).**

In adopting the Doha Amendment, the CMP recognized that Parties may provisionally apply the Amendment pending its entry into force (decision 1/CMP.8, para. 5). Parties intending to provisionally apply the Doha Amendment are required to provide notification to the Depositary of such an intention. The CMP also decided that Parties that do not provisionally apply the Doha Amendment will implement their commitments in a manner consistent with their national legislation or domestic processes, as of 1 January 2013 and pending entry into force of the Amendment (decision 1/CMP.8, para. 6).

Information on the status of ratification of the Doha Amendment is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website at [http://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XXVII-7-c&chapter=27&lang=en](http://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-c&chapter=27&lang=en) and on the UNFCCC website at [http://unfccc.int/kyoto\\_protocol/doha\\_amendment/items/7362.php](http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/doha_amendment/items/7362.php). That information is updated on a regular basis.

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The secretariat is available to assist Parties with regard to any questions that they may have on the procedure for ratifying the Doha Amendment or for provisionally applying it pending their domestic ratification processes. Parties are reminded that to facilitate the Doha Amendment's entry into force, the Secretary-General of the United Nations circulated a note on 13 February 2013 that recalls the procedure for the Amendment's acceptance and contains a model instrument of acceptance. A copy of that note is available on the UNFCCC website at [http://unfccc.int/files/kyoto\\_protocol/doha\\_amendment/application/pdf/attachment\\_sg\\_letter\\_doha\\_amendment.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/kyoto_protocol/doha_amendment/application/pdf/attachment_sg_letter_doha_amendment.pdf) and is also attached to this notification.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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