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The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change presents its compliments to the National Focal Points for climate change and the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Headquarters.

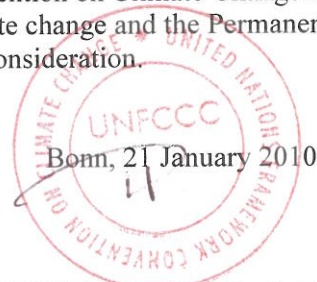
The secretariat has the honour to inform the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Parties and signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that on 18 September 2009 the secretariat received a letter of the same date from Kazakhstan in which Kazakhstan proposed that in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, adopt an amendment to Annex B. The proposed amendment would revise Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol to include the name of Kazakhstan, with a quantified greenhouse gas emission limitation or reduction commitment under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol of 100 per cent of the 1992 level in the commitment period 2008 to 2012 and a footnote indicating that the country is undergoing the process of transition to a market economy. The letter as received by the secretariat is attached, including the proposed amendment.

Article 21 of the Kyoto Protocol contains the procedures for amending the Annex to the Kyoto Protocol. Article 21, paragraph 2, states that "Any Party may make proposals for an annex to this Protocol and may propose amendments to the annexes to this Protocol." Article 21, paragraph 3, states that "Annexes to this Protocol and amendments to annexes to this Protocol shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Protocol. The text of any proposed amendment to this Protocol shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate the text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depository."

At its fifth session, the CMP noted the requirement set out in Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol, which stipulates that the text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption, and requested the secretariat to communicate the text of the proposed amendment to Annex B by Kazakhstan in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, and to do so as soon as possible.

The proposal will be included in the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The full text of the proposal will also be issued as an official document of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in all official languages of the United Nations.

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the National Focal Points for climate change and the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Headquarters the assurances of its highest consideration.





**Letter dated 18 September 2009 from Kazakhstan addressed to the
Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention
on Climate Change proposing amendment to Annex B to the
Kyoto Protocol**

The Ministry of Environment Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan by this letter submits its request to the UNFCCC Secretariat to include an item related to the amendment of Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol into the CMP agenda to be held from 7 to 18 December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In accordance with procedures contained in Article 21 of the Kyoto Protocol the Ministry of Environment Protection of Kazakhstan requests the Secretariat to communicate to the Kyoto Parties the attached amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol.

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Annex

Proposed amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be inserted between the entries for Japan and Latvia

ANNEX B

| Party | Quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment (percentage of base year or period) |
|-------------|--|
| Kazakhstan* | 100 |

* Signifies that Kazakhstan is one of the countries that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy.