Report upon expiration of the additional period for fulfilling commitments for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol by the Netherlands

## I. Introduction

- 1. This report, submitted by the Netherlands on 24 October 2023,<sup>1</sup> contains the information required to be reported upon the expiration of the additional period for fulfilling commitments for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the true-up period),<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.<sup>3</sup>
- The information contained in this report covers the period 1 January 2022 to 9 September 2023, in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 20, in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11.
- 3. The information required to be included in the report is presented using the standard electronic format (SEF) tables included in Annex II to decision 3/CMP.11.
- 4. In addition to the SEF tables, the information required to be included in the report in accordance with decision 15/CMP.1, annex, paragraphs 12–16, in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11 is also presented in the reports on: (a) discrepancies identified by the international transaction log (ITL); (b) notifications from the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism; (c) records of non-replacement identified by the ITL; and (d) units in the national registry no valid towards compliance. These reports are usually known as R2–R5 reports respectively.<sup>4</sup>

# II. Information provided before the submission of this report

- The SEF tables of the Netherlands (with the file name RREG1\_NL\_2022\_2\_1.xlsx) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022 have been submitted previously and can be found at https://unfccc.int/documents/627760.
- 6. The reports R2–R5 of the Netherlands covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2022 have not been submitted previously as there were no discrepancies reported during this period.

### III. Information included in this report

- 7. The SEF tables of the Netherlands (with the file name RREG1\_NL\_2023\_2\_1\_20230909.xlsx) for the period 1 January to 9 September 2023 are part of this report.
- 8. The reports R2–R5 of the Netherlands covering the period 1 January to 9 September 2023 are not part of this report as there were no discrepancies reported during this period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resubmitted on 21 February 2024 to incorporate Annex 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section XIII of decision 27/CMP.1 (Procedures and mechanisms related to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol) defines the additional period for fulfilling commitments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Decisions 5/CMP.1, 13/CMP.1, 15/CMP.1, 22/CMP.1, 27/CMP.1, 1/CMP.8, 1/CMP.17, 3/CMP.11 and 4/CMP.11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Report R2 (list of discrepant transactions) provides information on any discrepancies identified by the international transaction log, and additional information required under paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R3 (list of clean development mechanism (CDM) notifications) provides information on any notification received by the Party from the Executive Board of the CDM, directing the Party to replace long-term certified emission reductions, in accordance with paragraphs 13–14 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R4 (list of non-replacements) provides information on any record of non-replacement identified by the international transaction log, and the additional information required under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1; report R5 (list of invalid units) provides information on the quantities of Kyoto Protocol units held in the national registry that are not valid for use towards compliance with commitments under Article 3, paragraph 1, in accordance with paragraph 16 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1.

# IV. Other information included in this report

- a) Information on actions to correct discrepancies identified from 1 January 2022 to 9 September 2023, changes to the national registry to prevent discrepancies from reoccurring and resolution of previous questions of implementation pertaining to transactions
- 9. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11, the Netherlands reports that no discrepancies have been identified by the ITL during the periods 1 January to 31 December 2022 or 1 January to 9 September 2023 and therefore, there was no need to take any action or make any change to its registry with regard to this issue.
- 10. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the annex to decision 15/CMP.1 in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11, the Netherlands reports that no questions of implementation pertaining to its transactions have been previously identified.

### b) Commitment period reserve

11. The commitment period reserve (CPR) of the Netherlands is 832,300,112. The Netherlands' CPR is contained in annex II, table II.1, of the "Report on the individual review of the annual submission of the Netherlands submitted in 2022" and was agreed by the relevant expert review team.

#### c) Total quantity of units in the retirement account

12. Table 1 presents the total quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in the Netherlands' retirement account at the end of the true-up period for the second commitment period, in accordance with paragraph 49(b) of the annex to decision 13/CMP.1 in conjunction with decision 3/CMP.11.

Table 1. Total quantity of Kyoto Protocol units in the retirement account for the second commitment period (2013-2020)

AAUs	ERUs	RMUs	CERs	tCERs	lCERs	Total
797,946,200	0	0	0	0	0	797,946,200

Abbreviations: AAUs = assigned amount units, CERs = certified emission reductions, ERUs = emission reduction units, RMUs = removal units, tCERs = temporary certified emission reductions, lCERs = long-term certified emission reductions.

13. The information regarding the serial numbers of the units mentioned in table 1 is included in Annex 2.

## d) Carry over of units

14. The Netherlands does not wish to carry over any KP units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FCCC/ARR/2022/NLD.

#### Annex 1

The terms of the agreement to fulfil jointly the commitments of the European Union, its Member States<sup>6</sup> and Iceland ('the members') under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ('UNFCCC') serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Doha, by Decision 1/CMP.8, in accordance with Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol provides that the members will fulfil their commitments by ensuring that, in accordance with Article 4(5) and (6) of the Kyoto Protocol, the combined sum of the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol in the Member States and Iceland does not exceed their joint assigned amount.

The joint assigned amount of the EU, its Member States and Iceland for the period 2013-2020, as established in the initial review report, is 37 604 433 280 t CO2 eq<sup>7</sup>.

The assigned amounts of the individual Member States and Iceland cover the emissions from sectors and gases listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol not covered by the EU's emissions trading system (ETS), i.e., emissions covered by the EU's <u>Effort Sharing Decision</u>. The assigned amounts for the period 2013-2020 were calculated per each Member State after exclusion of LULUCF activities. However, 5 countries (NL, UK, DK, PT and LU) were allowed to include net emissions from deforestation activities in the calculation of their assigned amounts. The total amount assigned to the individual Member States and Iceland is 21 791 343 942 t CO2 eq. A breakdown of the assigned amounts per country is presented in Table A.1.

The assigned amount of the Union for the period 2013-2020 amounts to the difference between the joint assigned amount and the sum of the individual assigned amounts of the Member States and Iceland, and is, as established in the UNFCCC initial review report, 15 813 089 338 t CO2 eq. It covers emissions under the EU ETS. The sectors covered by the EU Emissions Trading System are those specified in Annex I of the EU ETS Directive and taking into account the application of its Articles 24 and 27.

Based on the above, for the purpose of compliance with the second commitment period of the Kyoto protocol, the assigned amounts of the individual Member States and Iceland should not be compared with the sum of the anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol in these individual countries as the calculation of the assigned amounts of these countries excludes ETS emissions on their territory.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In this Annex, 'Member States' should be understood as the current 27 EU Member States and the United Kingdom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://unfccc.int/process/transparency-and-reporting/reporting-and-review-under-the-kyoto-protocol/second-commitment-period/initial-reports

Table A-1 - Assigned amount per member to the agreement

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Assigned amount in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> eq. considering Article 3 (7bis)
405.712.317
584.228.513
222.945.983
162.271.086
47.450.128
520.515.203
269.377.890
51.056.976
240.544.599
3.014.714.832
3.592.699.888
480.791.166
434.486.280
343.519.892
2.410.291.421
76.633.439
113.600.821
72.454.473
9.299.769
924.777.902
1.583.938.824
429.581.969

Romania	656.059.490	
Slovakia	202.268.939	
Slovenia	99.425.782	
Spain	1.766.877.232	
Sweden	315.554.578	
United Kingdom	2.744.937.332	
Iceland	15.327.217	
Total	21 791 343 942	

Annex 2  $\label{eq:continuous}$  The information regarding the serial numbers of the units mentioned in table 1

Retirement Serial Numbers									
Originating Party	Unit Type	Applicable CP	Project	Project track	Serial Start	Serial End	Quantity	Explanation	
NL	AAU	2			3273396130	4071342285	797.946.156	To cover emissions	
NL	AAU	2			4071342286	4071342329	44	buffer	
							797.946.200	Total	