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The Consulate General of Romania in Bonn presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and has the honor to inform on the following.


On 18 December 2015, Romania deposited the Instrument of Ratification of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of the commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

In accordance with Article 4(1) of the Kyoto Protocol, the members will fulfil their commitments under Article 3 thereof as follows:
— the members will ensure that, in accordance with Article 4(5) and (6) of the Kyoto Protocol, in the Member States and Iceland the combined sum of the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol does not exceed their joint assigned amount;
— the application of Article 3(1) of the Kyoto Protocol to greenhouse gas emissions from aviation and shipping for the Member States and Iceland is based on the Convention's approach of only including emissions from domestic flights and domestic shipping in Parties' targets. The European Union approach under the second commitment of the Kyoto Protocol will remain the same as that of the first commitment period, given the lack of progress since Decision 2/CP.3 in attributing those emissions to Parties' targets. This is without prejudice to the stringency of the European Union's commitments under the climate and energy package, which remain unchanged. It is also without prejudice to the need to take measures concerning emissions of such gases from aviation and marine bunker fuels;
— each member may increase its ambition level by transferring assigned amount units, emission reduction units or certified emission reduction units to a cancellation account established in its national registry. The members will jointly submit the information required by paragraph 9 of Decision 1/CMP.8, and will jointly make any proposals for the purpose of Article 3(1ter) and (1quarter) of the Kyoto Protocol;
— the members will continue to apply Article 3(3) and (4) of the Kyoto Protocol and decisions agreed thereunder individually;
— the combined base year emissions of the members will equal the sum of emissions in the respective base years applicable to each Member State and Iceland;
— if land use, land-use change and forestry constituted a net source of greenhouse gas emissions in 1990 for any Member State or Iceland, the relevant member shall, pursuant to Article 3(7bis) of the Kyoto Protocol, include in its emissions base year or period the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions by sources minus removals by sinks in the base year or period from land use, land-use change and forestry for the purpose of calculating the joint assigned amount of the members determined in accordance with Article 3 (7bis), (8) and (8bis) of the Kyoto Protocol;
— the calculation pursuant to Article 3(7ter) of the Kyoto Protocol shall apply to the joint assigned amount of the second commitment period for the members determined in accordance with Article 3 (7bis), (8) and (8bis) of the Kyoto Protocol and the sum of the average annual emissions of the members for the first three years of the first commitment period multiplied by eight;
— in accordance with Decision 1/CMP.8, units in a member's Previous Period Surplus Reserve account may be used for retirement during the additional period for fulfilling commitments of the second commitment period, up to the extent by which that member's emissions during the second commitment period exceed its respective assigned amount for that commitment period, as defined in this notification.

The Consulate General of Romania in Bonn avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bonn, December 22nd 2017