

## **1. Introduction**

In accordance with the decision 2/CMP.17 of the Republic of Belarus is pleased to present the first Biennial Report of the Republic of Belarus.

With approximately 9.7 million of population, the Republic of Belarus located in the Central and Eastern Europe covers an area of 207.6 thousand square kilometers and is categorized as an economy in transition.

## **2. Information GHG emissions and trends**

Net GHG emissions in 2011 excluding LULUCF were 87.3 Mt which are 37.3% lower compared to 1990 level (base year). This reduction is due to the changes in the economy, measures in the energy efficiency and environmental measures.

The main category is Energy sector (including transport) which provides with 61% of total emissions. The same share of CO<sub>2</sub> in the GHG distribution - 64%.

## **3. Economy-wide emission reduction targets**

For the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, the Republic of Belarus in 2007 has pledged the reduction of its greenhouse gas emissions by 5 to 10 per cent by the year 2020 as compared to the 1990 emission level.

Pursuant to the Decree No.224 adopted by the President of the Republic of Belarus on 07.05.2012, this emission reduction target was specified as 8 per cent emission reduction by the year 2020 as compared to the 1990 emission level.

Taking into account national circumstances and the commitments of the Republic of Belarus to prevent the climate change the quantified emission limitations of the Republic of Belarus for the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol have been increased to 12 per cent as compared to the 1990 emission level.

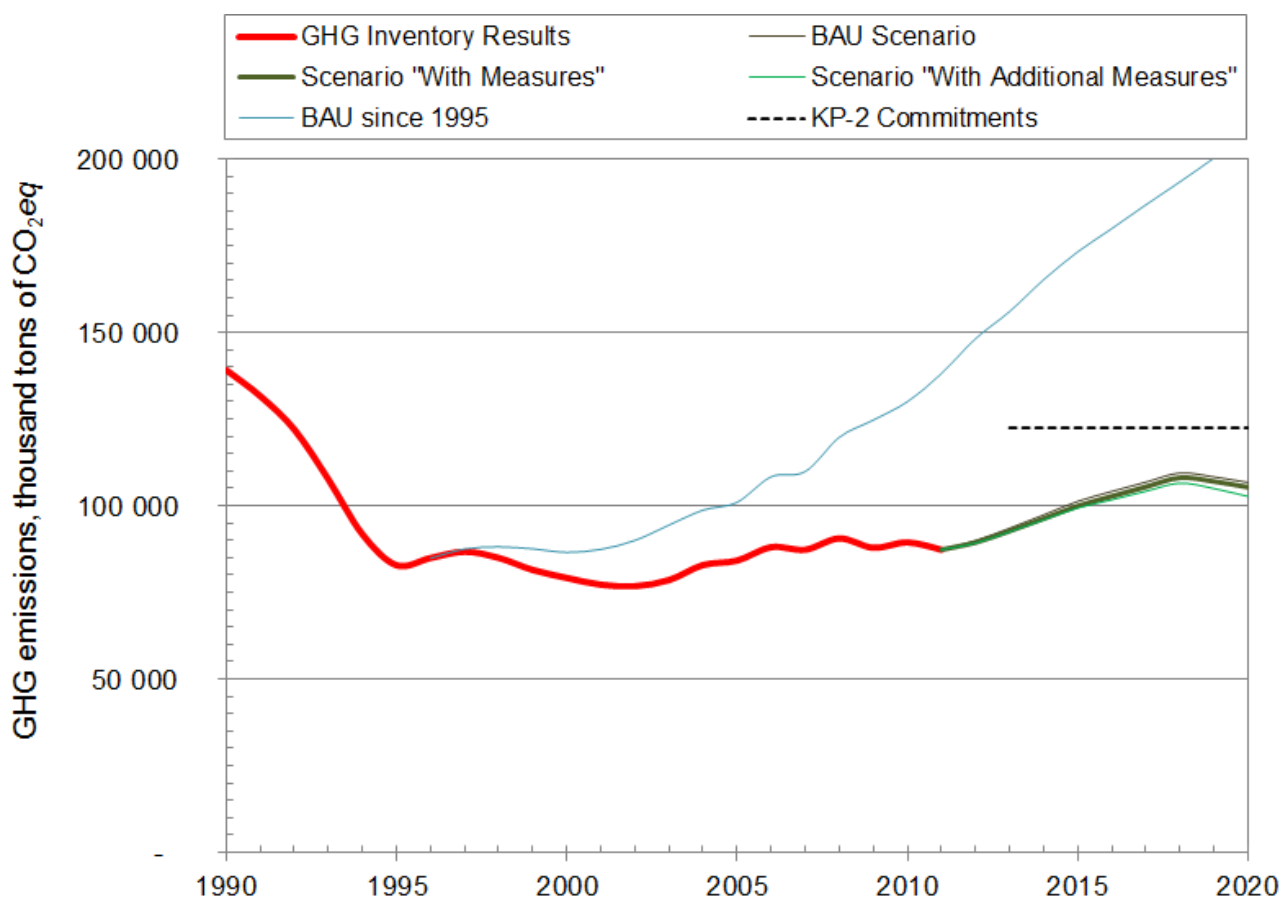
## **4. Policy and measures (mitigation actions and their effects)**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus is the authority responsible for the implementation of the UNFCCC in the Republic of Belarus. Coordination of the work of other state administration bodies and other state organizations is carried out by the State Commission on Climate Change.

Climate policy and measures in the Republic of Belarus are presented in the Table 3 of the first Biennial Report of the Republic of Belarus and are organized by the sectors and gases used by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change.

## 5. Projections

In line with the Guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, Part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications, the Republic of Belarus reports the required scenarios. For the scenarios the following key assumptions were used: population growth and GDP growth rate.



## 6. Provisions of Financial, Technological and Capacity Building Support to Developing Country Parties

According to the decision 1/CP.18 Belarus as the Party included in Annex I to the Convention undergoing the process of transition to a market economy does not have obligations on the provision of new and additional financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) in order to enable them to enhance their implementation of mitigation and adaptation actions.