



United Nations  
Climate Change Secretariat  
Executive Secretary



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Excellency,

We have the honour to write to you as per decision 1/CP.23 of the Conference of Parties adopted on 17 November 2017 under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), also called the Fiji Momentum for Implementation.

In paragraph 12 of its decision, in the part concerning pre-2020 implementation and ambition, the Conference of the Parties requested its President and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary to urge all Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that are yet to deposit their instrument of acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (Doha Amendment) with the Depositary (the United Nations Secretary-General) to do so as soon as possible.

As you are aware, the Doha Amendment establishes the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty stipulating quantified reduction or limitation of greenhouse gas emissions for Parties included in Annex B of the Protocol. The Doha Amendment was adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its eighth session, held in Doha, Qatar, in December 2012. Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 7 and Article 20, paragraph 4 of the Kyoto Protocol, the Amendment is subject to acceptance by Parties to the Protocol.

We urge your Government, as a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, to accept the Doha Amendment as soon as possible. As noted by the Conference of Parties, all Parties share the view that pre-2020 implementation and ambition are of utmost importance. Entry into legal force of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol is a valuable part of global climate action for the years leading up to 2020 and critical for the rigorous and successful implementation of the second commitment period.

In this regard, we stand ready to provide any assistance or information you may require to deposit your instrument of acceptance. We would like to refer you to information posted on the United Nations Treaty Collection internet page regarding the status of ratification of the Doha Amendment as well as information on the procedure for the Amendment's acceptance, including a model instrument of acceptance posted on both the Treaty Collection internet page and the UNFCCC internet page on the Doha Amendment. You will also find useful general information on the Doha Amendment, including answers to frequently asked questions on the Kyoto Protocol and the Doha Amendment, on the UNFCCC Doha Amendment internet page.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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President of the Conference of the Parties  
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