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INFORMATION NOTE

SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF INFORMATION ON FOREST MANAGEMENT REFERENCE LEVELS/BASELINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION 2/CMP.6

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), by its decision 2/CMP.6, requested each Party included in Annex I to the Convention (hereinafter referred to as Annex I Party) to submit to the secretariat, by **28 February 2011**, information on the forest management reference level inscribed in appendix I to that decision, including any update to replace the value, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in appendix II, part I, of that decision. The CMP also decided that each submission shall be subject to a technical assessment (review) by a review team in accordance with the guidelines outlined in appendix II, part II, and that outcomes of the technical assessment will be considered by the CMP at its seventh session.

By the same decision, the CMP requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to organize these technical assessments according to the timing defined in paragraphs 24 to 34 of appendix II.

The secretariat has initiated the preparations the technical assessments. It is envisaged that the centralized reviews will take place by the end of May 2011 in Bonn.

It would greatly facilitate timely preparations if the submissions referred to above are received by 28 February. However, if unavoidable delays are foreseen please notify the secretariat. Electronic submissions, sent either on CD-ROM or via e-mail, will facilitate the timely production of documents. E-mail submissions should be sent to <secretariat@unfccc.int>; receipt will be acknowledged.

Parties are reminded to confirm to the secretariat by the **end of February 2011**, the names of the **active experts on the land use, land-use change and forestry roster of experts** who will be able to participate in the reviews of forest management reference levels in May 2011. All active LULUCF experts already on the roster of experts may also be called for the reviews if necessary, and only experts from non-Annex I Parties will be funded by the secretariat. Further and relevant information and details on the reviews will be sent to the experts who have agreed to participate in the reviews.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.



In accordance with the guidelines defined in appendix II of decision 2/CMP.6, the draft report pertaining to the forest management reference levels for each Annex I Party, prepared by the review teams, will be made available to the Party concerned within eight weeks following the review. Each Annex I Party will then have three weeks to respond to the draft report pertaining to its forest management reference levels. After the responses have been taken into account, the review teams will prepare the final reports which will be published on the UNFCCC website.

The secretariat will also issue a synthesis report containing the key conclusions of the entire review process, including comments received from Parties, for consideration at the CMP at its seventh session. The synthesis report will be made publicly available on the UNFCCC website.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss specific matters relating to the submission and review process described above, please contact Ms. Maria Sanz-Sanchez (email: msanz-sanchez@unfccc.int) or tel. +49 228 815 1844).

Yours sincerely,

(signed by Richard Kinley for)

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