

11. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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Voluntary provisional application of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The *Doha Amendment* to the Kyoto Protocol was adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) on 8 December 2012 through Decision 1/CMP.8. It sets out obligations for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, running from 2013 to 2020, for Parties included in Annex I that have quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments (QELRCs) inscribed in the third column of the table contained in Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol.

Decision 1/CMP.8 provides for the voluntary provisional application of the *Doha Amendment* pending its entry into force, as follows:

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5. Recognizes that Parties may provisionally apply the amendment pending its entry into force in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol, and decides that Parties will provide notification of any such provisional application to the Depositary;
6. Decides also that Parties that do not provisionally apply the amendment under paragraph 5 will implement their commitments and other responsibilities in relation to the second commitment period, in a manner consistent with their national legislation or domestic processes, as of 1 January 2013 and pending the entry into force of the amendment in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol.

The *Doha Amendment* entered into force on 31 December 2020, the ninetieth day after the receipt by the Depositary of 144 instruments of acceptance representing three-quarters of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 4, and Article 21, paragraph 7, of the Kyoto Protocol.

The period of voluntary implementation of the *Doha Amendment*, as provided for in paragraph 6 of decision 1/CMP.8, expired on 31 December 2020, following its entry into force.

Authoritative information on acceptance and entry into force of the *Doha Amendment*, as well as information on corrections, is available from its Depositary, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.