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Item 20 (b) of the provisional agenda  
Other matters

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**Note by the secretariat**

A request has been received by the secretariat from the Government of Belarus to include this issue in the provisional agenda for the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). The CMP will be invited to consider this item through a plenary discussion on the basis of further elaboration by Belarus of the scope and content of its proposal.

**Letter dated 22 August 2007 from Belarus  
addressed to the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the  
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  
to prepare for implementation of the amendment of Annex B  
to the Kyoto Protocol (decision 10/CMP.2) prior to  
its entry into force**

[Original: Russian]

As you are aware, at its second session the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, adopted by decision 10/CMP.2 an amendment to Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol proposed by the Republic of Belarus. Ratification of that amendment by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol is in progress. An amendment to an international agreement is itself an international accord, and the ratification process is expected to take some while. The Republic of Belarus is doing everything possible to accelerate the process so as to become eligible for full-scale participation in the first commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol as soon as possible.

Besides the possible delay in Belarusian participation in the first commitment period owing to ratification of the amendment and the procedure of its entry into force (Articles 20 and 21 of the Kyoto Protocol), however, there are a number of technical procedures to be completed by the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which will also take time.

For instance, the assigned amount calculated for the Republic of Belarus cannot be verified, since Belarus is not formally party to Annex B.

Belarus strictly observes all requirements of the Kyoto Protocol, submits all necessary national communications and reports on time, and is an active participant at all sessions of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Bodies.

We believe that it would be sensible to get on with the legitimization of participation by Belarus in the first commitment period in parallel with the ratification of the amendment, not afterwards.

We would be grateful if you could add a corresponding item to the agenda for the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, action on which will significantly reduce the time required for Belarus to participate in the first commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol.

(Signed): Alexander Apatsky  
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