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**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council

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Subject: Statement made by the European Union and its Member States together with Croatia and Iceland at the Doha Climate Conference

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1. As part of the Doha Climate Gateway, the Doha Climate Conference (26 November - 8 December 2012) adopted *inter alia* an amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.
2. The abovementioned Doha amendment will insert a new paragraph 7ter in the Kyoto Protocol, that reads as follows:  
“7 ter. Any positive difference between the assigned amount of the second commitment period for a Party included in the Annex I and average annual emissions for the first three years of the preceding commitment period multiplied by eight shall be transferred to the cancellation account of that Party.”

3. At the time of adoption of the Doha amendment, the EU and its Member States, together with Croatia and Iceland, made the statement contained in the Annex. This statement was previously agreed during EU coordination on the spot.
  
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee/Council are asked to endorse the text of that statement.

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Statement by the European Union and its Member States and Croatia and Iceland

Doha, 8 December 2012

Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol foresees the possibility for Parties to fulfil their commitments under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol jointly. As reflected in the new text of Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol, the quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments for the European Union, its Member States, Croatia and Iceland for the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol are based on the understanding that these will be fulfilled jointly in accordance with Article 4 of the Kyoto Protocol.

The European Union, its Member States, Croatia and Iceland hereby state that Article 3, paragraph 7 ter will be applied to the joint assigned amount pursuant to the agreement on joint fulfilment by the European Union, its Member States, Croatia and Iceland and will not be applied to Member States, Croatia or Iceland individually. Moreover, the EU and its Member States will also submit the information required by paragraph 9 of Decision -/CMP.8 in Document L.9 jointly.

We will deposit our instruments of acceptance at the same time, as was the case for the Kyoto Protocol itself, to ensure its simultaneous entry into force for the European Union, its 27 Member States, Croatia and Iceland.

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