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Executive Secretary
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INFORMATION NOTE

This information note is addressed to Parties to the Convention and to Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, as well as to observer States. It is being sent to national focal points for climate change, and for those Parties that have not yet identified national focal points it is being sent to their diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany. In all cases, the communication is copied to the diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany and to permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. For those Parties not accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, it is being sent to permanent missions in New York or ministries of foreign affairs as appropriate.

New President of COP 11 and COP/MOP 1

Following a communication from the Government of Canada dated 14 February 2006, I wish to inform you that, pursuant to rule 25 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, H.E. Ms. Rona Ambrose, Canada's new Minister of the Environment, has replaced H.E. Mr. Stéphane Dion as the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) for the remainder of the mandate of Canada's presidency.

A letter has been sent on behalf of the Parties and the secretariat to welcome H.E. Ms. Ambrose to her new position as President and to thank H.E. Mr. Dion for his inspiring leadership at COP 11 and COP/MOP 1 and his contribution to the success of the Montreal Conference.

Organization of the May 2006 sessional period

To allow Parties and observers to prepare for the May 2006 sessional period, the following dates have been fixed after consultations with the Bureau:

- 15 to 16 May: Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention, pursuant to decision 1/CP.11
- 17 to 25 May: First session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, established by decision 1/CMP.1
- 18 to 26 May: The twenty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

The corresponding notification will be issued in due course.

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