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Excellency,

At COP26 in Glasgow, Parties adopted the Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, Paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (thereafter "COP26 Guidance"). We celebrate this important breakthrough in multilateral climate negotiations and wish to congratulate the delegation of Ghana on its contribution to this achievement.

With this letter, we would like to confirm our joint understanding of what this adoption means for the *Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Ghana and the Swiss Confederation towards the Implementation of the Paris Agreement* (hereafter referred to as the "Cooperation Agreement"). Our two states have reaffirmed in the preamble of the Cooperation Agreement "their intention to amend this Cooperation Agreement consistent with further guidance to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting to the Parties of the Paris Agreement (CMA)". We do not see any incompatibility between the COP26 Guidance and the Cooperation Agreement and believe that a procedure to amend the Cooperation Agreement is not necessary.

In the spirit of mutual trust in our cooperation, we would like to submit for your information the way in which Switzerland intends to account for its nationally determined contribution (NDC) in accordance with the article 10 of the Cooperation Agreement and the COP26 Guidance.

In its NDC, Switzerland commits to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030 compared to 1990 levels, corresponding to an average reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 35 percent over the period 2021-2030. Switzerland thus has communicated both a single-year and a multi-year target under the Paris Agreement.

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According to the Paragraph 7 of the Annex of the COP26 Guidance, each participating Party shall apply one of the accounting methods for corresponding adjustment consistently throughout the NDC period depending on whether the Party has a single or multi-year target. While the averaging method is reserved for Parties with a single year target (see Para. 7 (a) (ii)), the trajectory method can be applied to both types of targets (see Para. 7 (a) (i) and (b)).


In line with the COP26 Guidance, Switzerland intends to communicate one consistent accounting method for its single and multi-year target for its first NDC. Switzerland is committed to apply the trajectory method to both types of targets. Following the COP26 Guidance, Switzerland would apply Article 10.3 of the Cooperation Agreement.

In line with Paragraph 18 of the Annex of the COP26 Guidance, Switzerland intends to specify the accounting method through its initial report no later than at the first authorization of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) for the entire NDC period.

We kindly ask you to take note of the understanding of the situation provided in this letter.

Please accept, dear Minister, the assurance of my highest appreciation.

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Director

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