

SWITZERLAND**Doha, 8.12.2012****UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol****COP 18 / CMP 8****Statement by Switzerland on the Kyoto Protocol and
the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action**

Switzerland welcomes the decision by the COP 18 and the CMP 8 to adopt a second commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol (KP), to conclude the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action (LCA), and to continue the work on the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP).

KP

Switzerland would like to make the following statement with regard to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to be recorded in the report of the meeting:

Under the Swiss domestic legislation applicable during the second commitment period, Switzerland will not use carried-over AAUs transferred from other Parties for compliance under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol for the second commitment period. Switzerland will adhere to arrangements in other countries relating to the transfer of AAUs under any arrangement that Switzerland may have linking our emission trading scheme with any other emission trading schemes.

Switzerland does not object to the adoption of the implementing decision on the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol. However, Switzerland would like to highlight that it has strong reservations on several issues, namely:

- The process foreseen in paragraphs 7 to 11 of the implementing decision will not help Switzerland to increase the ambition of its commitment under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol. As indicated in footnote 11 to the revised Annex B, the existence of comparable emission reduction commitments from other developed countries and adequate contributions from developing countries according to their responsibilities and capabilities is a condition for Switzerland to increase its ambition. Establishing a process under the Kyoto Protocol looking only at the emission reduction ambition of Annex B countries with a QELRC, without a parallel process under the ADP looking at the level of ambition of all Parties to the Convention, will therefore not help Switzerland to increase its level of ambition. Switzerland strongly supports an effective parallel process under ADP Workstream 2 which will help all Parties of the Convention to raise their mitigation ambition.
- Switzerland is deeply concerned about the decision that we have taken which will exclude Parties to the Kyoto Protocol from fully using the CDM. This decision will reduce the demand for CERs in the market with all the consequences we know. This is especially surprising as we are at the same time expanding shares of proceeds on the international emissions trading for countries that have a QELRC.
- Switzerland is similarly deeply concerned that the restrictions contained in paragraphs 23 to 26 on the carry-over will not ensure ambition and integrity of the second commitment period.

LCA

Switzerland would like to make the following statement with regard to the LCA decision to be recorded in the report of the meeting:

Switzerland does not object to the adoption of the decision on the outcome of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. However, Switzerland would like to highlight that it has strong concerns on several issues, namely

- Paragraph 2 of the decision is deviating the focus from the vision that we should all share, namely first, an ambitious long-term emission reduction goal and second, a timeframe for the global peaking of global greenhouse gas emissions within the next few years, consistent with science.
- Paragraph 19.b and c are deviating the focus from increasing the understanding for the diversity of the nationally appropriate mitigation actions, their mitigation outcomes and support needs.
- Switzerland would also like to underline that paragraph 54 should not be seen as a limitation of Article 3.5 and 4.2.a of the Convention.
- Finally, Switzerland would have liked to see a more ambitious decision on finance, namely a decision to assess and develop lessons learnt from Fast Start Finance in the period 2010 to 2012 in view to develop a common understanding on how to move towards the 2020 objective.