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Dear Mr Wijnstekers

Review of the criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II

Notification to the Parties 2001/037 refers. Namibia wishes to thank the Secretariat for the opportunity to comment on the revised draft of Resolution Conf. 9.24 on the criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II. We wish to voice our general support for the revised document, but with the following comment:

Annex 4 : Namibia cannot support the requirement to submit proposals at every COP to renew export quotas. It is therefore recommended that paragraph A.2.c) be edited as follows :

c) an integral part of the amendment proposal is an export quota approved by the Conference of the Parties for a specified period of time, based on management measures described in the supporting statement of the amendment proposal, provided that effective enforcement controls are in place ; or

and that new paragraph C be deleted altogether.

We are of the opinion that this requirement does not provide any advantage, and in fact will place a great burden on all Parties with quotas, as well as significantly increasing the already lengthy agendas at the Conference of the Parties.

I trust that this concern will be given serious consideration when preparing the revised document to be submitted to the Standing Committee, and presented to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Yours sincerely


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