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PARIS AGREEMENT  
PARIS, 12 DECEMBER 2015

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Agreement was adopted on 12 December 2015 at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015.

In accordance with its article 20, the Agreement shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 22 April 2016 until 21 April 2017 by States and regional economic integration organizations that are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that he is convening a high-level ceremony for the opening for signature of the Agreement at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 April 2016.

The Secretary-General further takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation and will be circulated to States as soon as possible. An electronic copy of the Agreement will be made available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (<https://treaties.un.org>).

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States and regional economic integration organizations wishing to sign the Agreement during the high-level signature ceremony on 22 April could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

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For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

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