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MESSAGE

Ten years ago, the global community came together at the Rio Earth Summit to pledge its commitment to protecting the planet. It was at Rio that the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) was adopted. COP-8, the Eighth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, is being held in New Delhi, India, during 23 October–1 November 2002.

India is proud to be hosting the Conference. This also signifies India's commitment to the cause of the global environment and sustainable development. India has acceded to the Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC. It is important that the Protocol enters into force as early as possible.

This document, brought out on the occasion of COP-8, highlights some relevant aspects and the way in which India is striving to adopt a climate-friendly path to development. Through various initiatives, India is contributing effectively to global efforts to address climate change. I hope this publication will be found useful.

Let us all work together, in an atmosphere of cooperation and goodwill, for positive outcomes at the Conference.

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