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## NOTE VERBALE

The secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) presents its compliments to all Parties, observer States and observer organizations, and has the honour to inform them that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has appointed Ms. Christiana Figueres of the Republic of Costa Rica, as Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC. The appointment was endorsed by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties on 17 May 2010.

Ms. Figueres will take up her functions on 8 July 2010.

Ms. Figueres has represented the Republic of Costa Rica in the climate change negotiating process since 1995. In 2008, she was elected Vice-President of the Bureau of the fourteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties. She served as well as a member of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism in 2007.

Ms. Figueres was the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Development in the Americas, a non-profit think tank for climate change policy and capacity-building. She has also served on many Boards of non-governmental organizations related with climate change issues, including Winrock International and the Voluntary Carbon Standard.

She is currently an independent senior advisor on climate change. She has advised private sector companies playing a leadership role in climate mitigation, such as ENEL/ENDESA, C-Quest Capital and the Carbon Rating Agency.

To all Parties, observer States and observer organizations



Ms. Figueres was born in San José, Republic of Costa Rica, in 1956.

The secretariat of the UNFCCC avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Parties, observer States and observer organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

