



MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Excellency,

This is with reference to the "Notification to Parties - Communication of information relating to the Copenhagen Accord" of 18 January 2010. In this regard, I wish to convey that the Kingdom of Bhutan associates itself with the Copenhagen Accord of 18 December 2009.

With respect to nationally appropriate mitigation action, Bhutan already sequesters more carbon than is emitted, and we have declared our intent to ensure that our emissions do not exceed our sequestration capacity. This "Declaration of the Kingdom of Bhutan – Land of Gross Happiness to Save our Planet", signed 11 December 2009 by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Jigmi Y. Thinley, was also submitted to the President of COP15 in Copenhagen. In our efforts to remain carbon neutral, and also to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, we will require the support of the international community and we will communicate those needs at a later date.

We make this commitment despite our status as a very vulnerable, small, landlocked LDC, with a very fragile mountainous ecosystem and with so many pressing social and economic development needs and priorities. We make this commitment because we believe that there is no need greater than keeping our planet safe for life to continue and that all parties, large or small, can play a part in keeping global temperature rise below 1.5°C. While making this sincere commitment, we call on the global community to come forward and work towards a legally binding treaty under the guiding principles and commitments of the UNFCCC.

In concluding, I wish to reiterate our firm commitment to the ideals and the mission of the UNFCCC and our hope that future negotiations of a legally binding agreement on climate change would materialize in the line with the spirit of the United Nations and its established procedures.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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