The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil presents its compliments to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has the honor to transmit the following communication from the Government of Brazil:

"Brazil actively participated in the negotiations of the `Copenhagen Accord' and, therefore, Brazil's name should be included in its chapeau.

It is important, however, to note that the text was negotiated with a view to becoming a decision of the Conference of the Parties, within a full multilateral framework, agreed to by the entire global community. In the end, this was not possible.

In this context, Brazil understands the Accord to be a political instrument, an important step for facilitating the ongoing negotiations within the AWG-KP and AWG-LCA, with a view to their successful conclusion during COP-16, in Mexico. Brazil does not consider the Accord as a stand-alone, plurilateral instrument, that could engage only a group of countries, based on an "opt in" process. The global nature of the climate change challenge demands a true multilateral response, in which all countries are involved, according to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. This multilateral response must be guided by the existing international legal regime of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol."

The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Berlin, 10 February 2010

