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Mr. Yve de Boer
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Climate Change Convention Secretariat
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Your Excellency,

NIGERIA'S POSITION ON THE STATUS OF THE "COPENHAGEN ACCORD"

I have the honour to write and acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter Ref: YDB/DBO/drl of 18th January, 2010 relating to the **Copenhagen Accord**, the official outcome of the 15th Session of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, 7 to 19 December, 2009. Nigeria recalls that during the Closing Plenary of COP 15 at the Bella Centre, Copenhagen on 19 December, 2009 delegates "took note" of this important document.

2. I would like to confirm that Nigeria underscores its support for the Copenhagen Accord and underline its importance as representing a high level political understanding amongst the participants

on most of the contentious issues of the Climate Change negotiations. It is the belief of Nigeria that the Copenhagen Accord provides the added impetus for the sustenance of the ongoing two-track process of negotiation under the Bali Roadmap. This Accord therefore provides a propitious foundation which should lead to the successful conclusion of

a robust, transparent, comprehensive and legally binding climate Change deal ahead by COP 16 in Mexico.

4. In this context, it is our expectation that more concerted works of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) and Ad hoc Working Group on the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) could be sustained. Nigeria would also like to state further the need for more robust efforts in ensuring early flow of the pledged fast track funding commitment. In this respect, it is our hope that starting from 2010 the annual pledge of \$10 billion USD will become available with a focus on the Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States and African countries.

6. Arising from the above and with due regard to other observations and reservations as per the attached schedule (Annex 1), Nigeria wishes to fully associate itself with the Copenhagen Accord.

7. Please, accept, Executive Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.


John Odey
Honourable Minister