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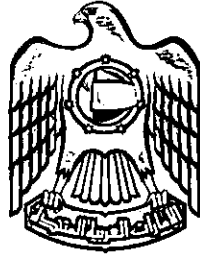
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Dear Mr. Yvo de Boer,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in reference to the notification to the Parties to the UNFCCC, dated 18 January 2010, inviting those Parties that wish to be associated with the Copenhagen Accord to transmit relevant information to the Secretariat.

As demonstrated by both statements and actions, the UAE strongly supports the concept of equitable and coordinated international action to mitigate climate change, and the latter has initiated numerous domestic programs that would have the effect of bolstering the development of sustainable technologies and significantly reducing UAE emissions of greenhouse gases in comparison to projected Business-as-Usual (BAU) levels. The UAE looks forward to providing further details of its plans upon completion of required due diligence and internal analysis.

The UAE views the Copenhagen Accord as a political agreement and an important step towards an international legally-binding treaty, on the understanding that this progress will translate into the effective implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the extension of the Kyoto Protocol. Therefore, the UAE wishes to highlight the following:



1. The historical responsibility of Annex I countries regarding the state of the environment and the concept of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities should be maintained. As such, emissions reduction commitments by Annex I Parties should allow non-Annex I Parties equitable access to environmental space, enabling their economic and social development.
2. International action to mitigate climate change should minimize the adverse effects on international trade, and social, environmental and economic impacts on other Parties, especially non-Annex I Parties and in particular those identified in Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention. This includes the effects of response measures on countries highly dependent on hydrocarbon revenues.
3. Existing market mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol and new market mechanisms should be available to provide flexibility in reaching the legally binding commitments of Annex I Parties and promoting sustainable development in non-Annex I Parties. For instance, the high mitigation potential of cleaner fossil fuel technologies, such as Carbon Capture and Storage, and alternative energy generation technologies, such as nuclear energy, should be promoted.

With the understanding of the above, I am delighted to convey the decision of the government of the United Arab Emirates to be associated with the Copenhagen Accord.

Sincerely yours,

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