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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay presents its compliments to the UNFCCC Secretariat and has the honor to make reference to the Secretariat's communication of 18 January 2010 related to the Copenhagen Accord.

The Ministry is pleased to inform that Uruguay associates itself with the Accord, and wishes its name to be included in the chapeau.

The above notwithstanding, Uruguay would like to express its concern over the manner in which the negotiating process of the Accord was conducted in Copenhagen last December. For COP 16 to succeed, utmost efforts must be made to ensure a transparent and inclusive negotiating process, where the views of all participants can be discussed so as to be in a position to arrive at a consensus.

Uruguay would like to emphasize that although adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change is a challenge faced by all countries, particular attention and enhanced action and international cooperation is needed for developing countries, especially for those that are most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

In this context, Uruguay wishes to advise that it will require and request international cooperation and support to face the challenge of adapting to climate change.

Finally, Uruguay considers that the Copenhagen Accord represents a step forward towards a legally binding and more ambitious international agreement on climate change and expects such an agreement to be adopted as a result of COP 16, in Mexico by the end of this year.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the UNFCCC Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Montevideo, 29 January 2010

To the UNFCCC Secretariat Bonn GERMANY