GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Note No. 10/11

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change and has the honour to refer to the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention held in Denmark in December 2009 where the Conference adopted a decision that took note of the Copenhagen Accord of 18 December 2009. The Ministry has further the honour to recall the understanding at the Conference that, *inter alia*, the chapeau of the Accord would list Parties that wish to be associated with the Accord before the decisions of the Conference are finalized by 31 January 2010.

The Government of the Independent State of Samoa recognizes the important contribution the Copenhagen Accord provides in garnering political commitment and a first step towards developing a legally-binding international agreement to further address the adverse effects of climate change. Further, the Government notes that the Accord provides for international assistance to vulnerable groups including through the establishment of a Copenhagen Green Climate Fund and its immediate operationalization as well as High Level Panel to assist in meeting this goal.

In view of the above, the Ministry would like to convey that the Government of the Independent State of Samoa desires to associate itself with the Copenhagen Accord of 18 December 2009 and for its name to be listed in the chapeau of the Accord.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change the assurances of its highest consideration.

Apia, 20 January 2010

Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change
Bonn
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