EMBASSY OF JAMAICA

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The Embassy of Jamaica presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and has the honour to transmit the attached Note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade regarding the Copenhagen Accord which was presented during the 15th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in December 2009.

The Embassy of Jamaica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Jamaican Foreign Service

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has the honour to refer to the Copenhagen Accord which was presented during the 15th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC which was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2009.

The Ministry wishes to convey the decision of the Government of Jamaica to associate itself with the aforementioned Accord. In doing so, the Government of Jamaica wishes to underscore that it considers the Accord a political document with no legal status under international law, and that its provisions do not replace or pre-empt negotiations towards a legally-binding, ambitious and comprehensive agreement under the UNFCCC and the Bali Roadmap.

In this regard, Jamaica reaffirms the UNFCCC as the primary inter-governmental process to address climate change and supports the two-track negotiating process within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Action and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments by Annex 1 Parties under the Kyoto Protocol. Jamaica views the Accord as an important political step towards achieving legal commitments at the 16th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Mexico in November.

In consideration of the adverse effect of climate change, the Government of Jamaica urges the early operationalization of the financial provisions of the Accord to ensure quick start funding for adaptation and mitigation with priority given to the most vulnerable countries, including Small Island Developing States.

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

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