MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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H.E. Yvo de Boer
Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Dear Yvo

THE COPENHAGEN ACCORD

1 I refer to the *Note Verbale* dated 30 December 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations in New York, and the Secretariat's Notification to Parties on the "Communication of information relating to the Copenhagen Accord", dated 18 January 2010.

2 Singapore wishes to recall that its views on the Copenhagen Accord were stated as follows by its representative at the Closing Session of the Copenhagen Conference, COP 15:

> "Mr President... My delegation notes that the documents you have presented were worked out by a group of Parties of which we were admittedly not part of. However, it was a group of countries that crossed all sections and interest groups and in that regard we believe represented all of us. My delegation supports the sentiment, commitment and above all good faith in which it has been worked on and presented now to all Parties, and we lend our voice to that of our AOSIS colleagues and others who have called for it to be the basis to move us forward in Copenhagen and beyond. It is not perfect, we recognise that, but it represents important elements which we now face the grave danger of losing. We appeal to those colleagues who disagree with this view to reconsider and to identify clearly the points of contention or disagreement so that we can reach an acceptable compromise to move this forward in the most appropriate documentary form. Mr President, we appeal to you to quickly and most immediately identify a clear procedure in which this can be done."

3 Singapore therefore wishes to associate with the Accord as a good basis for advancing further international negotiations towards reaching a legally binding global agreement on climate change. The Accord as it stands does not create legal obligations but nonetheless contains important elements

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that can facilitate these negotiations. However, as it is not a perfect document, significant aspects of the Accord will require clarification and development if it is to be adopted as a legally binding global agreement. Singapore therefore reserves its rights to engage in further discussions to elaborate the provisions in the Accord in the course of these future negotiations, with a view towards reaching a legally binding global agreement.

4 Singapore's association with the Copenhagen Accord is on the understanding that this Note will be placed on official record and made publicly available on the UNFCCC's website. This request is to ensure that the basis of association as clarified in the preceding paragraphs is made available to all Parties.

5 The enclosed information on Singapore's proposed mitigation actions is submitted for compilation by the Secretariat. We request that the clarifications included be reflected in full when this information is presented.

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Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions

Non-Annex I	Actions
Singapore	(1) Mitigation measures leading to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 16% *(Footnote 1)* below Business-as-Usual (BAU) levels in 2020, contingent on a legally binding global agreement in which all countries implement their commitments in good faith. *(Footnote 2)* *(Footnote 1)* Although a legally binding agreement has yet to be achieved, Singapore will nonetheless begin to implement the mitigation and energy efficiency measures announced under the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint in April 2009. These measures are an integral part of the measures to achieve a 16% reduction below BAU referred to in (1). When a legally binding global agreement on climate change is reached, Singapore will implement additional measures to achieve the full 16% reduction below BAU in 2020. *(Footnote 2)* The clarifications set out in Singapore's Letter dated 28 January 2010 apply to paragraph (1).