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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Belize presents its compliment to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has the honour to refer to the Copenhagen Accord, noted in decision 2/CP. 15 of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC at its fifteenth session (COP-15) in Copenhagen.

Having considered the entire document, the Government of Belize has decided to associate itself with the Copenhagen Accord with the understanding that such association is without prejudice to negotiating positions in the ongoing negotiations under the UNFCCC and the Bali Road Map aimed at finalizing an ambitious, comprehensive and legally binding agreement at the 16th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Mexico in 2010.

The Government of Belize reaffirms its position that the UNFCCC continues to be the primary intergovernmental forum to address climate change and supports the two-track negotiating process within the framework of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long Term Cooperative Actions and the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments by Annex 1 Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

Furthermore, the Government of Belize views the Copenhagen Accord and other inputs including the draft legally binding agreements submitted by Alliance of Small Island Developing States provides a good basis for advancing further international negotiations under the UNFCCC.

Cognizant of the urgency to address concerns related to climate change, the Government of Belize urges the immediate disbursement of quick start financing to vulnerable developing countries, particularly Small Island Developing States, Least Developing Countries and Low Lying Coastal States a means to expedite the operative provisions of the Accord.

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

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