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Subject Eritrea's supportive position on the Copenhagen Accord and Submission of list of National Mitigation Actions

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Dear Secretariat, this is a message we tried to pass to your good offices on the 29th of January. We have learned the message was not delivered to due to address error. However please take not of our support to the Copenhagen Accord.

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Dear Secretariat,

This is to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of a draft copy of the Copenhagen Accord.

Having taken note of the atmosphere that surrounded the Plenary of UNFCC/COP 15 and its regrettable failure to come up with a binding international legal instrument up to the expectation of all humanity and agreeable to the Parties;

Believing that the international community of independent states have compelling obligation to unite on the issue of climate change mitigation for the sake of sustainable life on Planet Earth now and in the future;

Fully recognizing the need for maintaining the founding principles and enhancing the momentum and spirit of the Convention; and

Convinced that the Copenhagen Accord can serve as an important stride towards much higher objectives and reaching an equitable and binding agreement that consolidates and preserves the integrity of UNFCCC;

You are respectfully notified hereby of the decision of the State of Eritrea to associate itself with the parties that support and endorse the Copenhagen Accord.

Besides demanding the developed country Parties to show leadership in drastic reduction in domestic emissions and providing due support for developing countries to acquire capacity, technology and finance to cover costs of mitigation and climate change adaptation measures, Eritrea strongly urges concrete changes to be made in the cumbersome and complicated procedures common in international funding, so that financial and technological support dedicated for climate change purposes will be accessible to eligible countries in a fair, non-discriminatory and transparent manner.

In consonance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibility of all countries, Eritrea reiterates its unyielding commitment to undertake its obligations under the Convention. As one of none pollutant and most vulnerable countries to climate change, it fully realizes that the success of its efforts for sustainable development will depend on properly addressing environmental issues. In this regard Eritrea has been striving within its means and capacity to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation programmes. The list in the attached Appendix enumerates some of the Nationally Appropriate Climate Change Mitigation Actions on going in Eritrea.

I look for the furtherance of our cooperation in realizing the objectives of UNFCC.

Best regards,

Tesfai Ghebreselassie
Minister of Land, Water and Environment

APPENDIX

NATIONALLY APPROPRIATE MITIGATION ACTIONS IN ERITREA

1. Research, develop, demonstrate, apply, diffuse and transfer of technologies, practices and processes that control, reduce or prevent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol (MOP) in the energy, transport, industry, agriculture, forestry and waste management sectors

2. Develop and implement energy conservation and efficiency projects

3. Implement projects and programmes which reduce deforestation and forest degradation

4. Implement projects and programmes which enhance soil carbon stocks in agricultural soils

5. Develop and implement projects and programmes for sustainable management of biomass resources, forests and sea as well as other terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems thereby conserving and enhancing sinks and reservoirs of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol

6. Develop and elaborate appropriate and integrated plans which are supportive of both adaptation and mitigation actions for coastal zone management, water resources and agriculture, and for the protection and rehabilitation of areas in Eritrea affected by drought and desertification, as well as floods

7. Mainstream climate change considerations in Eritrea's relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions to mitigate or adapt to climate change

8. Promote and cooperate in scientific, technological, technical, socio-economic and other research, systematic observation related to the climate system

9. Develop data archives related to the climate system and intended to further the understanding and to contribute to reduction of the remaining uncertainties regarding the causes, effects, magnitude and timing of climate change and the economic and social consequences of various response strategies

10. Promote and cooperate in the exchange of relevant scientific, technological, technical, socio-economic and legal information related to the climate system and climate change, and to the economic and social consequences of various response strategies

11. Promote and cooperate in education, training and public awareness related to climate change and encourage the widest participation in this process, including that of non-governmental organizations

12. Develop, periodically update, publish and make available to the Conference of the Parties (COP) national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the MOP using comparable methodologies agreed upon by the COP

13. Formulate, implement, publish and regularly update national and, where appropriate, regional programmes containing measures to mitigate climate change

14. Communicate to the COP information related to implementation, in accordance with Article 12 as well as cooperate in reporting of technological, capacity building and financial support by developed countries