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H.E. Yvo de Boer
Executive Secretary
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I refer to the *Note Verbale* dated 30th 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.

Saint Lucia wishes to formally register its concern about the non-inclusive nature of the process through which the Copenhagen Accord was developed. Notwithstanding, in an effort to realise progress on climate change in the best interest of all Parties, Saint Lucia hereby associates itself with the Accord. While Saint Lucia notes that the Accord is lacking in many areas, the Accord does provide a basis for 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 that can facilitate international negotiations. However, significant aspects of the Accord will require clarification and further development if it is to be adopted as a legally binding global agreement. Saint Lucia notes that its association with the Accord is without prejudice to positions taken in the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations aimed at achieving a legally binding outcome. Saint Lucia therefore reserves its right to engage in further discussions to elaborate the provisions within and

outside the Accord in the course of these negotiations, with a view to reaching a legally binding global agreement under the formal UNFCCC process.

Saint Lucia'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 website of the UNFCCC. This request is to ensure that the basis of association, as clarified in the preceding paragraphs, is made available to all Parties.

Yours sincerely,

HON. STEPHENSON KING
Prime Minister