EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Subject: **Expression of willingness to be associated with the Copenhagen Accord and submission of the quantified economy-wide emissions reduction targets for 2020**

Dear Mr. de Boer,

With this letter, Spain, currently holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and the European Commission wish to inform you, on behalf of the EU and its 27 Member States, that the EU and its 27 Member States are willing to be associated with the Copenhagen Accord (Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations on 30 December 2009 and your notification to Parties on 18 January 2010).

The EU and its 27 Member States wish to reconfirm their commitment to a negotiating process in order to achieve the strategic objective of limiting the increase in global average temperature to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. Meeting the 2°C objective requires that global GHG emissions peak by 2020 at the latest and be reduced by at least 50% as compared with 1990 levels by 2050 and continue to decline thereafter. To this end, and in accordance with the findings by the IPCC, developed countries as a group should reduce their GHG emissions below 1990 levels through domestic and complementary international efforts by 25 to 40% by 2020 and by 80 to 95% by 2050 while developing countries as a group should achieve a substantial deviation below the currently predicted emissions growth rate, in the order of 15-30% by 2020. The EU and its 27 Member States are fully committed to continue negotiating with the other Parties with a view to concluding as soon as possible within the UN framework a legally binding international agreement for the period starting 1 January 2013.

The EU and its Member States are committed to an independent quantified economy-wide emissions reduction target of 20% by 2020, compared to 1990 levels. This target could be increased to 30% under the conditions set out by the European Council of December 2009.

Therefore, the EU and its Member States wish to inform about these commitments in the format set out by Appendix 1 to the Copenhagen Accord:

Annex I Parties*	***Quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020***	
	Emissions reduction in 2020	Base year
EU and its Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom) acting in common	20% / 30%**	1990

* Currently, not all EU Member States are Annex I Parties.

** As part of a global and comprehensive agreement for the period beyond 2012, the EU reiterates its conditional offer to move to a 30% reduction by 2020 compared to 1990 levels, provided that other developed countries commit themselves to comparable emission reductions and that developing countries contribute adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities.

The EU and its 27 Member States wish to recall that the EU Climate and Energy Legislative Package has already been adopted[1]. Among other things, this Package consolidates the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme and expands its scope. Also, pursuant to its 'Effort Sharing Decision', Member States are required to implement policies and measures that are additional to that Scheme concerning the greenhouse gas emissions from sources not falling under it, in order to reach the overall target.

We would be grateful if the Secretariat would communicate this letter to the other Contracting Parties.

Yours sincerely,

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[1] Decision nº 406/2009/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community's greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020 and Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC, as amended by Directive 2009/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009, amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme of the Community.