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Dear Mr de Boer

COPENHAGEN ACCORD

The Copenhagen Accord is a welcome and important step forward in international cooperation on climate change. It requires early action and Australia supports its fast and full implementation.

I would like to reiterate Australia's association with the Accord. In accordance with your notification of 18 January 2010, I request that Australia's name be included in the Accord's chapeau.

I am also pleased to submit the attached information on Australia's quantified economy-wide emissions reduction targets for 2020. Consistent with your notification, and paragraph 4 of the Accord, I request that the secretariat include the attached information in a publicly available document.

Australia confirms its support for continued negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to deliver further international climate change action, and considers that the Accord provides useful direction in this task.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to working with you in 2010.

Yours sincerely

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Quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020

Annex I Parties	***Quantified economy-wide emissions targets for 2020***	
	Emissions reduction in 2020	Base year
Australia	-5% up to -15% or -25%[1]	2000

[1] Australia will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 25% on 2000 levels by 2020 if the world agrees to an ambitious global deal capable of stabilising levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at 450 ppm CO_2-eq or lower. Australia will unconditionally reduce our emissions by 5% below 2000 levels by 2020, and by up to 15% by 2020 if there is a global agreement which falls short of securing atmospheric stabilisation at 450 ppm CO_2-eq and under which major developing economies commit to substantially restrain emissions and advanced economies take on commitments comparable to Australia's.