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To: **Mr. Yvo de Boer**
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New York, 31 March 2010

Dear Mr. Yvo de Boer,

With reference to the secretariat's notifications of 18th and 25th January 2010 communicating to Parties information relating to the Copenhagen Accord, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

Viet Nam considers responding to climate change increasingly urgent and all nations must take responsibility. Viet Nam welcomes and highly values important initiatives aimed at protecting the climate system. Viet Nam has proactively developed and has been actively implementing its National Target Programme to respond to climate change.

The Government of Viet Nam reaffirms its position that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol constitute the current legal framework and legal instrument for the international community to combat global climate change; the conclusion of another comprehensive legally binding agreement is essential for furthering the implementation of the UNFCCC; the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities and national circumstances must always be observed; developed countries must take the lead in making strong commitment and setting out specific mid-term and long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a view to limiting the global average temperature rise by the end of this century to below two degrees Celsius; developing countries need to make active contributions to the global efforts through the development and

implementation of National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) on a voluntary basis ensuring their sustainable development.

The Government of Viet Nam associates itself with the Copenhagen Accord with the understanding that it is a political document taken note of by the 15th Session of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 15) rather than a treaty instrument legally binding the Parties to the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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