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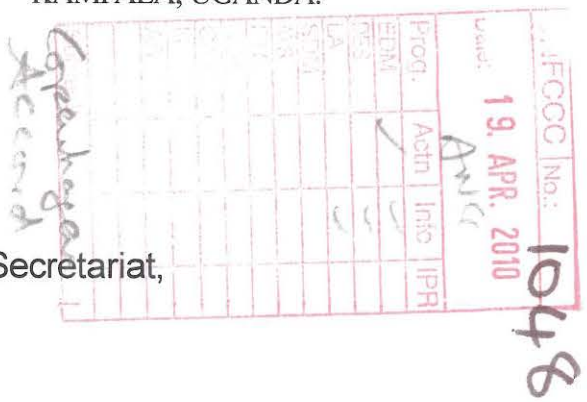

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EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COPENHAGEN ACCORD 2009

As a State Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Uganda strongly believes that, with its universality, the UNFCCC provides the best framework under which negotiations on climate change should take place. Such a global process should be inclusive, open and transparent and should lead to the establishment of an effective, functional, comprehensive and equitable climate change regime for the period beyond 2010 in accordance with the provisions of the Bali Action Plan and the Kyoto Protocol.

To this end, the participation of all State Parties in the negotiations and in decision-making process remains a fundamental principle.

Uganda recognizes the urgent need for the conclusion of a binding international agreement that will quickly set the world on the path to limiting global warming to a maximum temperature well below the critical tipping point in accordance with the IPCC findings and recommendations.

Aware that at Copenhagen, the Conference of the Parties at the conclusion of its 15th Session (COP15), noted the Accord as a significant global political momentum towards reaching a binding agreement on climate change, Uganda wishes to express its willingness to be associated with the Accord on the understanding that:

1. the Accord is a work-in-progress that will help to sustain the progress already made in all mechanisms embodied in the Convention, particularly the Ad-Hoc Working Groups on Long-Term Cooperative Action and on Further Commitments for Annex 1 Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, as

well as in those processes and actions conducive to a comprehensive and ambitious legally binding international agreement at COP16.

2. In the implementation of the Accord, while all State Parties, regardless of varying per capita income levels are to benefit, the recognition of the most vulnerable to climate change must be taken into account.

To this end, the Government of Uganda reaffirms its commitment to the continued process of negotiations within the UNFCCC framework for the achievement of the ultimate objectives of the Convention based on the principles of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities of all State Parties.

I shall be grateful if the Secretariat would communicate this letter to all State Parties.

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