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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has the honour to refer to the Copenhagen Accord, noted in Decision 2/CP.15 of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC at its fifteenth session (COP-15) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Having considered the document in its entirety, the Government of Barbados has decided to associate itself with the Copenhagen Accord, with the understanding that this is without prejudice to ongoing negotiations within the UNFCCC towards finalizing a comprehensive, legally-binding climate change agreement.

The Ministry reaffirms the position of the Government of Barbados that the UNFCCC remains the primary intergovernmental body to address climate change, and in this regard supports the continuation of the two track negotiation process in the AWG-LCA and AWG-KP.

Further, the Government of Barbados is of the view that the fulfillment of the Bali Roadmap must be an ambitious and comprehensive legally binding outcome at the 16th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP-16) in Mexico in 2010. Towards the realization of this goal, the Government of Barbados believes that the Copenhagen Accord and other inputs including the draft legally binding agreements submitted by the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) are useful in advancing further international negotiations under the UNFCCC.

Given the urgency and scale of the climate change threat, the Government of Barbados calls for the immediate disbursement of quick start financing to vulnerable developing countries, particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), as a means to expedite the operative provisions of the Accord. In this regard, the Government of Barbados anticipates that the conditions governing such disbursement will not be burdensome on Small Island Developing States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the assurances of its highest consideration.

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