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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 (verbal note of the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations on 30 December 2009).

On this occasion, the EU and its 27 Member States wish to reconfirm their commitment to a negotiating process that ~~can~~ achieves 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 keen to continue negotiating with the other Parties with a view to concluding a legally binding international agreement for the period starting 1 January 2013.

The EU and its Member States have already committed themselves 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 March 2007, October 2009 and December 2009.

Therefore, the EU and its Member States wish to inform about their 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)	20% * to 30%	1990

* It is recalled ~~in this context that the EU objective is to achieve a 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 compared to 1990 as its contribution to a~~ 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 economically more advanced developing countries to contributing adequately according to their responsibilities and respective capabilities.

The EU and its 27 Member States will implement the above emissions reduction target jointly in the framework of the Climate and Energy Legislative Package¹. Among other things, this Package consolidates the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme and expands its scope. Pursuant to the 'Effort Sharing Decision', Member States are moreover required to implement policies and measures that are additional to that Scheme in an effort to further limit the greenhouse gas emissions from sources not falling under it.

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

¹ Decision n° 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.

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