



MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jerusalem, January 31, 2010
21306

Mr Yvo de Boer
Executive Secretary
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
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Dear Mr de Boer,

Re: Copenhagen Accord

The Government of Israel is fully committed to the United Nations Climate Change Convention and to its Kyoto Protocol. In this spirit, I would like to inform you that the Government of Israel wishes to associate itself with the Copenhagen Accord, and to request that Israel's name be included in the chapeau to the Accord.

As announced by the President of the State of Israel at COP 15 in Copenhagen, by 2020, the government will do its utmost to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 20% compared to a business as usual scenario. This goal will be achieved primarily through the implementation of two government decisions by the year 2020, one calling for a 10% share of renewable energy in electricity generation, and the other calling for a 20% reduction in electricity consumption.

In order to achieve this goal, an inter-ministerial Steering Committee is to be established to prepare a National Action Plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Committee shall focus on the abatement potential in the following significant areas: energy efficiency; renewable energies; green building; and transportation. The Action Plan will include, among others, the reduction potential of various defined measures and means of implementation; implementation barriers; economic aspects of the long-term plan and a timetable.



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Israel looks forward to being actively involved in the forthcoming climate change negotiations, as the world prepares for COP 16 to be held in Mexico this year.

Enclosed please find our submission in the format set forth in Appendix II, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Copenhagen Accord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GE' or similar initials, written over a faint circular stamp.

Gilad Erdan
Minister of Environmental Protection

Enclosed: Israel's submission