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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
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Your Excellency,

I hope this letter finds you in good health.

As you know, the UAE will have the pleasure of hosting the Abu Dhabi Ascent on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, a high level meeting in support of your September 2014 Climate Summit. I would like to express my appreciation for your leadership in launching such an important initiative and in advancing global efforts on such an important issue.

The UAE sees climate change as a critical global challenge, and has consistently advocated effective international action to address it. We have also taken action through our own investments in clean energy at home and abroad, most prominently through the world-leading Masdar initiative. And we are building an important track record in convening international dialogue on climate and clean energy issues, including through the World Future Energy Summit and the International Water Summit, held together during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week.

Accordingly, we are pleased to give our full support to your leadership in bringing together world leaders in a Climate Summit this year. In particular I would like to assure you of my personal commitment to the success of the Abu Dhabi Ascent and its contribution to the Climate Summit.

In line with this commitment, I would like to reiterate the offer made by Minister of State Dr. Sultan Al Jaber in his meeting with you on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, namely that the UAE would be pleased to host a high-level reception in New York on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014, the eve of the Climate Summit. We envisage this event as an informal launch to the Summit, and hope it would provide an opportunity to bring Leaders together and foster the positive spirit that will be needed for the Summit itself.

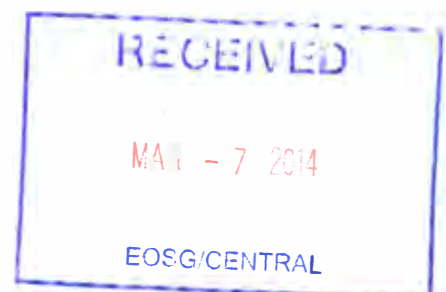
I look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that the Abu Dhabi Ascent and the UAE reception in New York contribute in the most effective way towards the success of the Climate Summit.

Accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

**Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**



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