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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Secretary General

Thank you for your helpful letter of 21 October on the EU's 2020 climate and energy package.

I share your view that agreement to an ambitious 2020 package at the December Council is a vital step in support of the climate change negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The UK is working hard with other Member States to ensure that we achieve this outcome.

It is important that the EU leads by example and can demonstrate its commitment to a low carbon economy to the international community. The 2020 package sets demanding emissions reduction targets which will be considerably higher in the context of an international agreement and contains measures to support the development of Carbon Capture and Storage which will be of particular interest to developing countries reliant on fossil fuels. Climate change legislation currently being adopted in the UK will commit us to reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

I agree with you that as we deal with the fall-out from the economic crisis, it is imperative that we build low-carbon into our plans for recovery otherwise we will leave ourselves exposed to future shocks. I agree with your assessment that with the right policies and incentives we can steer economic growth in a low-carbon direction. We are engaging with our EU partners and more broadly through, for example, the G20 to develop a shared understanding of what all this means in practice.

I welcome your helpful comments on the EU's role in Poznan and beyond and trust that we can continue to work together to achieve a successful outcome at the Copenhagen Conference. It is right that we

explore ways to maintain the necessary high level political momentum on this agenda throughout next year and would welcome the chance to discuss this further with you and key partners, including the new US Administration and the Danish Government.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Ban Ki-moon

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