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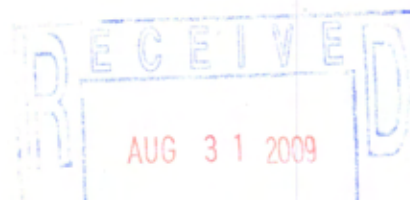
Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 13 July, informing the Heads of United Nations Agencies, Funds and Departments about the preparations for the Summit on Climate Change to be held on 22 September 2009. I wish to assure you that here in UNCTAD, we are fully behind you in pursuing this important agenda forward. Indeed, the UNCTAD secretariat is actively engaged under your leadership in the system-wide effort to support a successful conclusion of the Bali Roadmap. In fact, as you are aware, member States gave UNCTAD a strong mandate at UNCTAD XII, in April 2008, by requesting that "climate change be considered in UNCTAD's ongoing work of assisting developing countries with trade- and investment-related issues in development strategies". In this respect, I am personally grateful to you for the support UNCTAD received under the development package to strengthen its internal capacity and work on climate change as part of the development agenda of developing countries.

In UNCTAD, we believe that efforts aimed at climate change mitigation can be combined with forward-looking development strategies and rapid economic growth in developing countries. However, in order to make climate change mitigation compatible with growth, particularly in developing countries, emissions regulation and control will have to be made more stringent. Furthermore, internationally coordinated government action aimed at the development and transfer of new and climate-friendly technologies and modes of production is critical. It is for this reason, that I am pleased to inform you that this year's Trade and Development Report has a full chapter dedicated to developing country mitigation actions.

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Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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UNCTAD has continued with concrete steps to reduce its own carbon footprint under our Carbon Neutral Initiative. In fact, we are confident that our mitigation strategy will reduce our emissions by 20 per cent, by 2020.

We will continue to keep you and your Climate Change Support Team fully informed of our activities at UNCTAD.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Panitchpakdi', is written in a cursive style.

Supachai Panitchpakdi
Secretary-General of UNCTAD