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INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, 2010

GENEVA, 25 JUNE 2010

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Agreement was adopted on 25 June 2010 at Geneva during the 4th plenary meeting of the United Nations Cocoa Conference, 2010.

In accordance with its article 53, the Agreement will be opened for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2012, by parties to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference, 2010.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (Telephone: (212) 963 5047, Facsimile: (212) 963-3693, E-mail: depositarycn@un.org).

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