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Dear Ms. Gracey,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2010 expressing the difficulties you faced in Copenhagen and your call to the secretariat for full participation of civil society in Cancun.

I mentioned in my message in February to all Designated Contact Points that I personally acknowledge the problem faced by many representatives in accessing the Bella Center, caused by the overwhelming number of participants at COP 15, and that COP 15/CMP 5 taught us many valuable lessons. We will consider your concerns in our ongoing planning and coordination with the Government of Mexico.

In light of the need for change in how we manage observer participation in future, the secretariat has set up a working group on stakeholder engagement and we are now hiring an external consultant who will be working together with the secretariat on how to best take this work forward. We also had a meeting with constituency focal points who provided many useful suggestions which will be taken into account by the secretariat in advancing our work on this issue. I encourage you to share proposals and practical suggestions in this regard through your constituency focal point.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the valuable inputs which youth has been continually contributing to the process and the tireless work of your organization in coordinating the voices of this important group. I look forward to your continued contribution to the negotiation process.

Yours sincerely,

Yvo de Boer