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**MESSAGE TO PARTIES**

**First meeting of the Transitional Committee for the design of the  
Green Climate Fund**

The secretariat has been requested by H.E. Ms Patricia Espinosa, President of COP 16/CMP 6, to communicate to all Parties the attached letter regarding the first meeting of the Transitional Committee and the work ahead in the creation of the Green Climate Fund.



**Distribution:** To Parties and observer States through national focal points for climate change, Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York and It is also available on the UNFCCC website at the following link: <[http://unfccc.int/parties\\_and\\_observers/notifications/items/3153.php](http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/notifications/items/3153.php)>.

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**To the State Parties  
to the United Nations Framework  
Convention on Climate Change**

Dear colleagues:

As you are aware, the UNFCCC Secretariat in consultation with the COP16/CMP6 Presidency, decided to postpone the First Meeting of the Transitional Committee in charge of designing the Green Climate Fund.

The Committee was given a huge task and its recommendations shall be referred to the Conference of the Parties for its approval at its seventeenth session. The operational documents that the Committee will prepare must address the areas identified in Annex III of decision 1/CP.16 and to be able to do so, it is necessary that it starts its work as early as possible.

According to the Cancun Agreements, the Secretariat has been receiving nominations from regions for constituting the Committee. By the end of January 2011, three groups had submitted nominations and other two indicated that they were making efforts to conclude their consultations. The COP Presidency received several requests from Parties belonging to all regions to begin the work of the Committee. Thus, the meeting was convened and the dates announced.

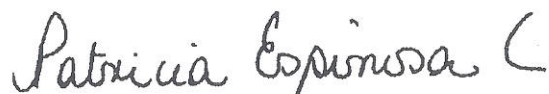
When it became clear that contrary to their intentions not all groups were going to be ready for a meeting on the dates announced, it was considered appropriate to postpone the First Meeting of the Transitional Committee and the corresponding announcement was made immediately.

I do appreciate all the support and good faith work made by the different countries and groups to fulfill our mandates on time. I trust that consultations continue and that the remaining regions conclude their nominations processes as soon as possible to enable the Transitional Committee to start its work. We cannot lose the opportunity to create a solid Green Climate Fund that benefits developing countries and bring us closer to our shared goals.

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Presidency, is identifying the new dates of the First Meeting of the Transitional Committee and will notify them to State Parties and observers shortly, to ensure that preparations take place while providing groups with enough time to conclude their consultations.

I take the opportunity to renew to all of you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Foreign Affairs  
President of COP16 / CMP6

C.c. Ms. Christiana Figueres. Executive Secretary, UNFCCC.