I have today informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the COP of my intention to resign from my position as Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, with effect from 1 July 2010.

It has been a great privilege working in support of negotiations under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. I now look forward to a new challenge working to address climate change and sustainability with KPMG and several academic institutions.

I leave behind a UNFCCC secretariat that I have come to know as a highly dedicated team of professionals, committed to working with you in addressing the global challenge of climate change.

While Copenhagen did not deliver entirely the outcome we had all hoped for, I do believe it has laid the foundations for a truly global response, on which you can build at COP16/CMP 6 in Cancun and beyond.

Having worked on climate change as both a government representative and an international civil servant, I now look forward to engaging on the issue from a business perspective. In recent years, concerns over both climate change and sustainable development have become increasingly important to the private sector and solid public-private partnerships can make it possible to address the climate challenge, while safeguarding economic growth and enhancing poverty eradication. In that sense I look forward to the privilege of working with you in the future.

Yvo de Boer