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His Excellency Anders Fogh Rasmussen Prime Minister of Denmark Copenhagen

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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

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Angela Merkel
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
Berlin

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