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To:

Mr Jan Eliasson

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Dear Mr. Eliasson,

As political leaders in the Stirling area of Scotland, reflecting differing party political affiliations, we are writing to you to voice our common concern to see an effective global agreement this year on climate change, the absence of which would severely affect all our futures.

Reflecting the request made via yourself last September by the Interfaith Summit on Climate Change, we ask you to convey to nations approaching the Paris Summit in December 2015 the following request.

We request all States to work constructively towards a far-reaching global climate agreement in Paris in 2015, building on transparency, adequacy and accountability. The new agreement must be:

* ambitious enough to keep temperature rises within the 2° Celsius target which has already been agreed;
* fair enough to distribute the burden in an equitable way; and
* legally binding enough to guarantee that effective national climate policies to curb emissions are well funded and fully implemented.

This letter has been co-ordinated by Stirling Methodist Church, with support from its Minister, Mark Jason and Green Team Leader, Jon Cape, and reflects the request made by the Interfaith Summit on Climate Change in New York on 23rd September 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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Bruce Crawford, Stirling Member of the Scottish Parliament (Scottish National Party)

Scott Farmer, SNP Leader, Stirling Council

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