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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of BMS World Mission and our partners worldwide in connection with the Copenhagen Climate Conference 2009. One of our significant partners is A Rocha, a Christian conservation organisation with a global reputation, and co-signatory to this letter.

BMS World Mission is one of the world's oldest Christian mission organisations, having been founded in 1792. From that date, a deep concern for the poorest peoples of the world has been at the heart of our work, which now spans more than 30 countries on four continents.

We are supported by over 2,500 churches in the UK representing a community of more than a quarter of a million people. Together, we believe that we have a fundamental responsibility to care for God's world and God's people. It is that sense of moral responsibility which led past generations to combat the evil of slavery, and more recently, support the Jubilee debt campaign, where your leadership, alongside others, was of such importance.

Prime Minister, we wholeheartedly support the personal commitment that you have shown towards ensuring that the crisis of climate change is addressed as a moral issue, and not just an economic or scientific issue. The poorest people in the world will suffer the most unless we, the richest, take a strong lead.

We therefore ask that you continue to do all you can to make sure that at the Copenhagen Conference the United Kingdom speaks for the interests of the poor of the world on these issues, and provides clear leadership to other nations in this regard.

As you do so, please be assured that you have the prayers, not only of the BMS family globally, but also of the Christian leaders whose organisations and communities worldwide have given their support to this letter.

Yours faithfully

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David Kerrigan
General Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Hughes'.

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