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## EU PARTICIPATION AT TARAWA CLIMATE CHANGE MEET

*Contrary to what Kiribati President Anote Tong is quoted as saying in the third edition of PACNEWS of 11 November, a representative of the European Union – from the EU Delegation for the Pacific, based in Suva – was not only present at the Tarawa Climate Change Conference in Kiribati on 9-10 November 2010 but also participated very actively in the discussions. However, due to the late availability of the agenda, it was not possible to arrange for the participation of any member of the EU climate change negotiating team to Cancún, based in Brussels and to organise, on such a short notice, for internal consultation on any draft declaration. Without a mandate, the EU could not officially endorse the "Ambo Declaration". Nevertheless, the EU representative did convey the people of Kiribati's message of urgency to Brussels, in particular to those who will be in charge of the negotiations in Cancún.*

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