

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 18, 2009

Contact: Kate Geller, (516) 446-9703 or [kate\\_geller@lcv.org](mailto:kate_geller@lcv.org)

**Statement of LCV President Gene Karpinski on Copenhagen Climate Deal**

"While there is still much work to be done, the deal reached in Copenhagen is a breakthrough for international climate cooperation and provides a path forward towards a binding global treaty in 2010. Significantly, the United States and China will -- for the first time -- both be at the table, working to tackle the historic challenge of global climate change."

"Moving forward, it is absolutely critical that the U.S. lead by example and work swiftly to enact comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation next year. We applaud President Obama for his leadership in helping to reach this important step toward a meaningful agreement."

###