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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT¹

Commencement [30 August 2010]

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Environment Management Act.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“**Chief Executive Officer**” means the Government chief executive officer responsible for the environment;²

“**climate change**” means a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods;

“**company**” includes any licensed business or other commercial enterprise;³