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Geneva, 12 August 2013

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the final round of written comments by governments on the Final Draft of the *2013 Supplement to 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)*. This is the third stage of IPCC-mandated reviews prior to the formal adoption/acceptance that will take place at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-37) to be held in Batumi, Georgia, from 14 to 18 October 2013.

In 2010, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) invited the IPCC to undertake further methodological work on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland, with a view to filling in the gaps in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (2006 IPCC Guidelines)*. In May the following year, during its 33<sup>rd</sup> Session in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, the IPCC asked its Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) to undertake the work to develop additional national-level inventory methodological guidance on wetlands to address the gaps identified in the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*.

Following an IPCC call for nominations in May 2011 to member governments and observer organizations for experts to contribute to the *Wetlands Supplement*, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected from the large number of nominations received by the Bureau of the TFI in August and September 2011. As changes in the authors list have taken place since the beginning of the nomination process, the updated list of authors is attached for your information.

Two previous drafts of the *Wetlands Supplement* have been subject to scientific and technical review by experts from 16 April 2012 to 11 June 2012 and by governments and experts from 11 February 2013 to 7 April 2013 (for Chapter 2, from 18 February 2013 to 14 April 2013), as called for in the IPCC Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports (Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, the "IPCC Procedures"). The drafts have been revised by the authors after both of these reviews in response to comments received, and this process has produced the Final Draft of the *Wetlands Supplement*. The first review of the Overview Chapter took place at the time of the Government and Expert Review.

In accordance with the IPCC Procedures, the Final Draft of the Overview Chapter will be submitted for section-by-section adoption by the IPCC-37 and the full Final Draft Report will be submitted for acceptance by the IPCC-37. Selected Coordinating Lead Authors and selected Review Editors will be present at the Session to assist the TFI Co-chairs and to facilitate consideration by the IPCC of the *Wetlands Supplement*.

Following the IPCC Procedures and in order to facilitate the adoption of the Overview Chapter and the acceptance of the full report and to ensure an efficient conduct of IPCC-37, your Government is invited to submit written comments on the Final Draft of the *Wetlands Supplement* in the period from **12 August to 8 September 2013**.

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The Final Draft can be accessed via the TFI *Wetlands Supplement* Government Consideration website:

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**Please note that this draft report is made available solely for the purposes of the final round of written comments by the governments in accordance with the IPCC Procedures. It must not be cited, quoted or distributed other than as part of a managed government comments process.**

Submission of written comments:

The IPCC Procedures advise that "Governments should send one integrated set of comments for each Report to the appropriate Working Group/Task Force Bureau Co-chairs through their Government Focal Points".

Your Government's written comments must be submitted using the Comment Submission Form that is available to download from the above-mentioned TFI *Wetlands Supplement* website. We shall appreciate it if your government's comments will be submitted by e-mail to the TFI Technical Support Unit (TSU) at <wetlands\_review@iges.or.jp> at the latest **by 8 September 2013**. Please note that all comments collected during the final round of written comments by the governments will be compiled and distributed in advance of the IPCC-37. Each comment will be attributed to the government that submitted it. Due to the large number of comments expected, we cannot guarantee that comments received later than **8 September 2013** or in other formats will be included in the document for distribution in advance of the IPCC-37.

Additional information about the preparation, review, approval, adoption and acceptance process for IPCC Reports is available in Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. If you have any questions, please contact the TFI TSU at <wetlands\_review@iges.or.jp>.

A copy of this letter without the access details is being sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representative with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Focal Point(s) of your country for information.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary of the IPCC