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To designated IPCC Focal Points and  
Ministries of Foreign Affairs  
(if no focal point has been designated)

Geneva, 3 September 2010

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to draw your attention to the report by the InterAcademy Council on “Climate Change Assessment – Review of the Processes and Procedures of the IPCC” contained in document IPCC-XXXII/Doc.7.

You would recall that I had sent a letter No.6927-10/IPCC/AR5 dated 16 February 2010 addressed to all government focal points in which it was conveyed that an independent review of the IPCC’s processes and procedures be carried out. Subsequently this was discussed with environment ministers and senior officials at the 11<sup>th</sup> special session of the UNEP Governing Council and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum in February 2010 in Bali, Indonesia. Accordingly an independent review was requested jointly by the Chairman of the IPCC and the Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-moon asking the InterAcademy Council (IAC) to carry out the review. The IAC as a multinational organization of science academies from all regions created to mobilize science to advise decision-makers seemed was best placed to provide an independent judgment on the IPCC processes and procedures. Government focal points were informed about that decision through my letter No.6942-10/IPCC/GEN dated 12 March 2010.

The report of the IAC was submitted to the IPCC Chair and the United Nations Secretary-General on 30 August 2010 and a press conference was held by the IPCC on that matter subsequently.

The results of the review and recommendations made by the IAC will be considered by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPCC in Busan, Republic of Korea under agenda item 5. In preparation for the consideration of that agenda item I ask governments to kindly submit their views in writing at the latest by 30 September to [IPCC-Sec@wmo.int](mailto:IPCC-Sec@wmo.int). To facilitate the compilation of your submissions I ask you to kindly indicate in the subject line “comments on IAC review”.

To assist the Panel in considering the IAC report, the Chairman of the IPCC with the help of the IPCC Vice Chairs and the Working Group Co-Chairs will submit a document on the subject. This would detail some relevant actions on existing processes and procedures that had been taken even before the IAC report was submitted.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, IPCC Contact Point(s), the Permanent Representative with WMO and Focal Point(s) of UNEP of your country for information.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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