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To the Executive Heads of
International and other Organizations

Geneva, 20 July 2012

Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the letter sent by the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on 3 July 2012, and I have the honour of informing you that the First Order Draft (FOD) of the WGIII contribution to IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) is available for expert review from today, 20 July 2012 to 14 September 2012. We have invited you to encourage experts to register for the expert review. We would very much appreciate if you could continue to do so until the end of the review period. Please note that we have already asked all individuals earlier in the AR5 process suggested by you to join the expert review process.

The expert review of the FOD is a key element of the IPCC assessment process. The purpose of this expert review is to help ensure that the report provides a balanced and comprehensive assessment of the latest scientific findings. The IPCC Procedures state that the expert review process shall be objective, open and transparent, with a wide circulation that aims to involve as many independent experts as possible in the IPCC process, seeking a range of views, expertise, and geographical representation. In addition, the review shall be undertaken by experts nominated by governments and observer organizations.

Experts are invited to register via the following link: <http://www.ipcc-wg3.de/ar5review/registration/>

After registration, experts will receive a personalized email with login details and instructions to access the FOD for the period of 20 July - 14 September 2012. On the FOD page we will also provide a template into which their comments on the FOD should be inserted and uploaded as well as the instructions for completing the comment template and the timeline for uploading their comments.

Please note that the entire content of the WGIII FOD is **confidential and should not be cited, quoted or distributed**, also individualized username/password pairs are not to be shared. The WGIII TSU will monitor access and disable accounts in case of suspicious activities. Finally, please remember that the entire expert community can participate in the review of the FOD after completing the registration process with the WGIII TSU. IPCC Working Groups are actively seeking a large participation by experts, encompassing the range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views, expertise, and geographical representations.

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the WGIII AR5 will follow in February 2013.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Secretary of the IPCC