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

Geneva, 17 July 2017

Subject: *IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C*

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of addressing you on the matter of the Expert Review of the IPCC “*Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty*”.

You may recall that at the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties (COP-21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in its decision on the adoption of the Paris Agreement, explicitly invited the IPCC to provide a Special Report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. At the 43rd Session of the IPCC (11 to 13 April 2016, Nairobi, Kenya), the Panel accepted the UNFCCC’s invitation to provide the Special Report on 1.5°C in 2018 in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. Following a Scoping Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in August 2016, the outline of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C was approved at the 44th Session of the IPCC in Bangkok, Thailand, in October 2016.

Following an IPCC call for nominations in October 2016 to member governments and observer organizations for experts to participate in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors were selected by the Working Group I, II and III Bureau in February 2017 from the large number of nominations received. The authors are now working on a first draft report [First Order Draft (FOD)] of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, which will be available for expert review from **31 July 2017 to 24 September 2017 midnight (GMT +1)**.

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.

All those previously nominated for any role in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C by governments and observer organizations but not selected will be informed separately about the expert review and invited to register. Governments and observer organizations are now asked to encourage additional experts to participate in the expert review of the Special Report FOD.

An online registration process has been developed and is open for prospective expert reviewers via the IPCC web site, registration will close on **17 September 2017 midnight (GMT +1)**:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/sr15/fod/register.php>

Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available in Annex 1 of Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. Please also see here an information note explaining the Expert Review process: https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/pdf/information_note_expert_review.pdf

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the IPCC Working Group I TSU at [<tsu@ipcc-wg1.universite-paris-saclay.fr>](mailto:tsu@ipcc-wg1.universite-paris-saclay.fr).

As a reminder, the expert review of the FOD starts on 31 July 2017, and ends on 24 September 2017 midnight (GMT + 1), and is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C will follow in 2018 (9 January to 25 February).

A copy of this letter is being sent for information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Permanent Representatives from your country to the World Meteorological Organization and to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Yours sincerely,



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