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Geneva, 2 May 2014

Sir/Madam,

I wish to address you on the matter of errors in the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Working Group III (WGIII) Contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, *Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change*, that were discovered by the authors of the report after approval and acceptance at the 12th Session of Working Group III and the 39th Session of the IPCC in Berlin, April 2014.

The errors, which require correction before publication of the SPM, are listed in **Annex 1** to this letter.

Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, ANNEX 3 - *IPCC Protocol for addressing possible errors in the IPCC Assessment reports, Synthesis Reports, Special Reports and Methodology Reports* (referred to below as "Error Protocol"), lays down the procedures to address alleged errors in the SPM of a Working Group Contribution (see Error Protocol Section 2, Step 5A). If Co-Chairs and relevant Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs) agree that there is an error, they construct an error statement and submit it to the WG Bureau for approval. The Co-Chairs of WGIII have informed us that this step has been concluded.

The Error Protocol further stipulates: "*Following WG or TF Bureau approval, the proposed erratum is submitted to the Panel for approval. To allow for rapid response, the Panel may delegate this approval step to the Executive Committee, which can decide that the erratum be posted on the IPCC and WG or TF websites and that the claimant be informed, or can decide to defer to the next session of the IPCC Bureau or of the Panel.*"

As you are aware, there is very high interest and demand for the WGIII SPM, which is already widely consulted and downloaded in its electronic format. A brochure containing the approved SPM will be ready for publication and distribution at the upcoming UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) meeting of 4 -15 June 2014, and other important events. The immediate correction of the errors described in Annex 1 is, therefore, desirable. Consistent with the Error Protocol we suggest using the option foreseen for rapid response and in particular submitting the corrigendum, as constructed by the WGIII Co-Chairs and CLAs and approved by the WGIII Bureau, to the IPCC Executive Committee for approval.

The SPM in its final form including copyedits and the correction of these errors would be made available in advance of UNFCCC SBSTA for download from the WGIII and IPCC web sites together with a notice in the form of an erratum stating that the errors have been corrected.

I sincerely hope that you agree with the proposed way forward, which will enable us to distribute a fully accurate version of the WGIII SPM. Unless we hear any objections by **9 May 2014, 10:00 a.m.** Geneva time we will proceed as suggested.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representative with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Focal Point(s) of your country for information.

Yours sincerely,



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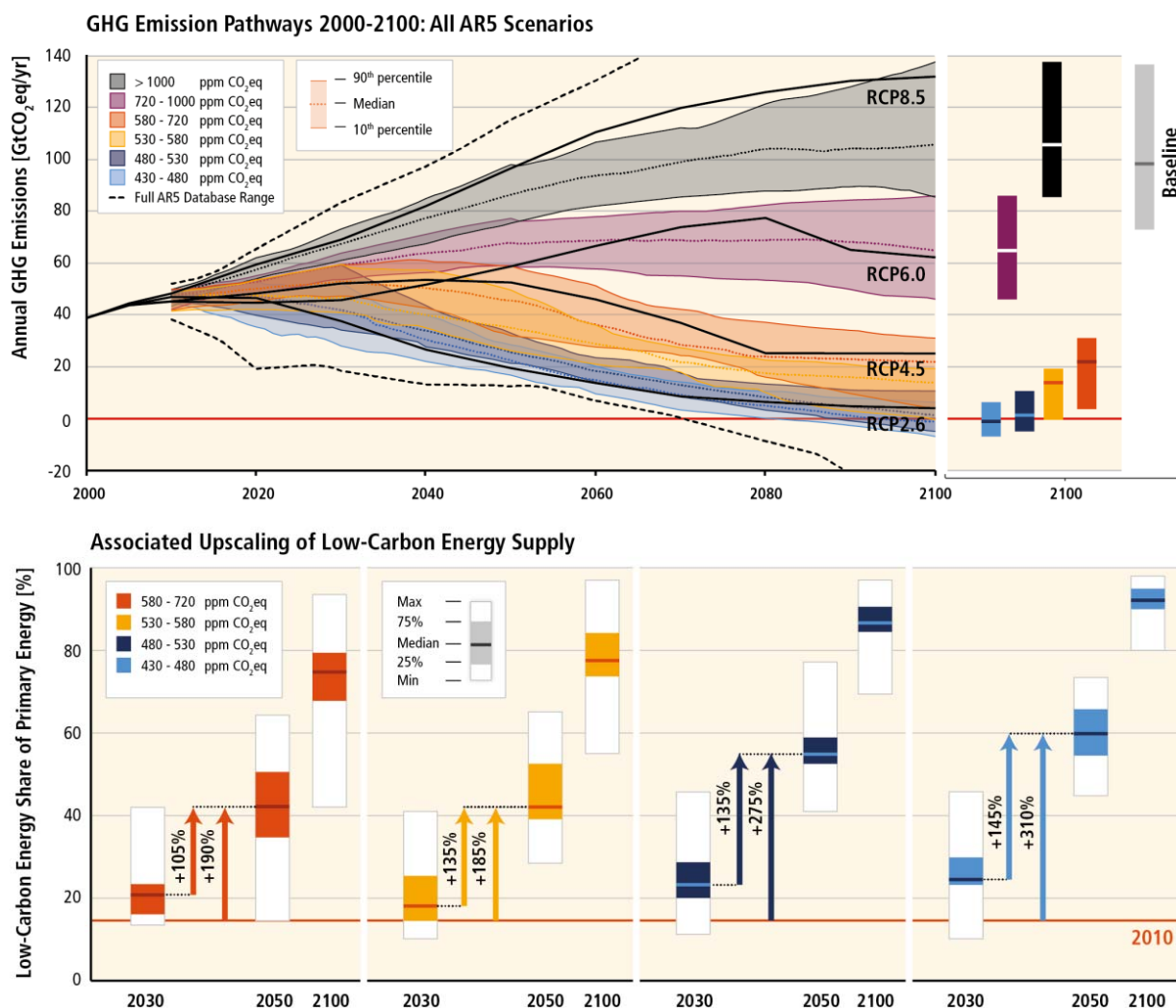
WGIII AR5 SPM Error/Errata to 12 April 2014 pre-copy-edit version:**Corrections of content-related errors****SPM.3, Footnote 7**

Added clause “as a consequence, small differences in sums due to rounding may occur” to footnote 7 in order to clarify that the chosen two-significant digit rounding approach may result in small differences in sums when adding up emission data. The corrected sentence would read: “GHG emission levels are rounded to two significant digits throughout this document; as a consequence, small differences in sums due to rounding may occur.”

A reference has been added to this footnote in the first paragraph on page 5, where there is a difference between the numbers in the text and Figure SPM.2 due to such a rounding issue. The sentence with the suggested footnote would read: “When emissions from electricity and heat production are attributed to the sectors that use the final energy (i.e. indirect emissions), the shares of the industry and buildings sectors in global GHG emissions are increased to 31% and 19%,⁷ respectively.”

Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.4 – Upper Panel

The upper panel of figure SPM.7 has been updated to be fully consistent with the scenario set used in Table SPM.1 for the baseline CO₂eq emissions estimates for 2050 and 2100. Consequently, the panel now also displays the 10-90th percentile range for these baseline scenarios, consistent with the scenario categories in Table SPM.1 and the coloured bars representing the different GHG concentration levels in 2100 on the right hand side of the upper panel of Figure SPM.7. The corrected figure would look:



Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.4 – Caption

The lower panel excludes scenarios with limited technology availability and exogenous carbon price trajectories. This change is necessary since only the lower panel figure and not the upper panel excludes scenarios with limited technology availability and exogenous carbon prices. Delete “upper and” as well as “the lower panel in addition excludes scenarios that assume” from the caption. The corrected sentence would read: “The lower panel excludes scenarios with limited technology availability and exogenous carbon price trajectories.”

Added reference to the Glossary for definitions of CO₂-equivalent emissions and CO₂-equivalent concentrations at the end of the caption in order to avoid confusion in the interpretation of the figure. The added sentence would read: “For definitions of CO₂-equivalent emissions and CO₂-equivalent concentrations see the WGIII AR5 Glossary.”

Section SPM.4.1, Page 11

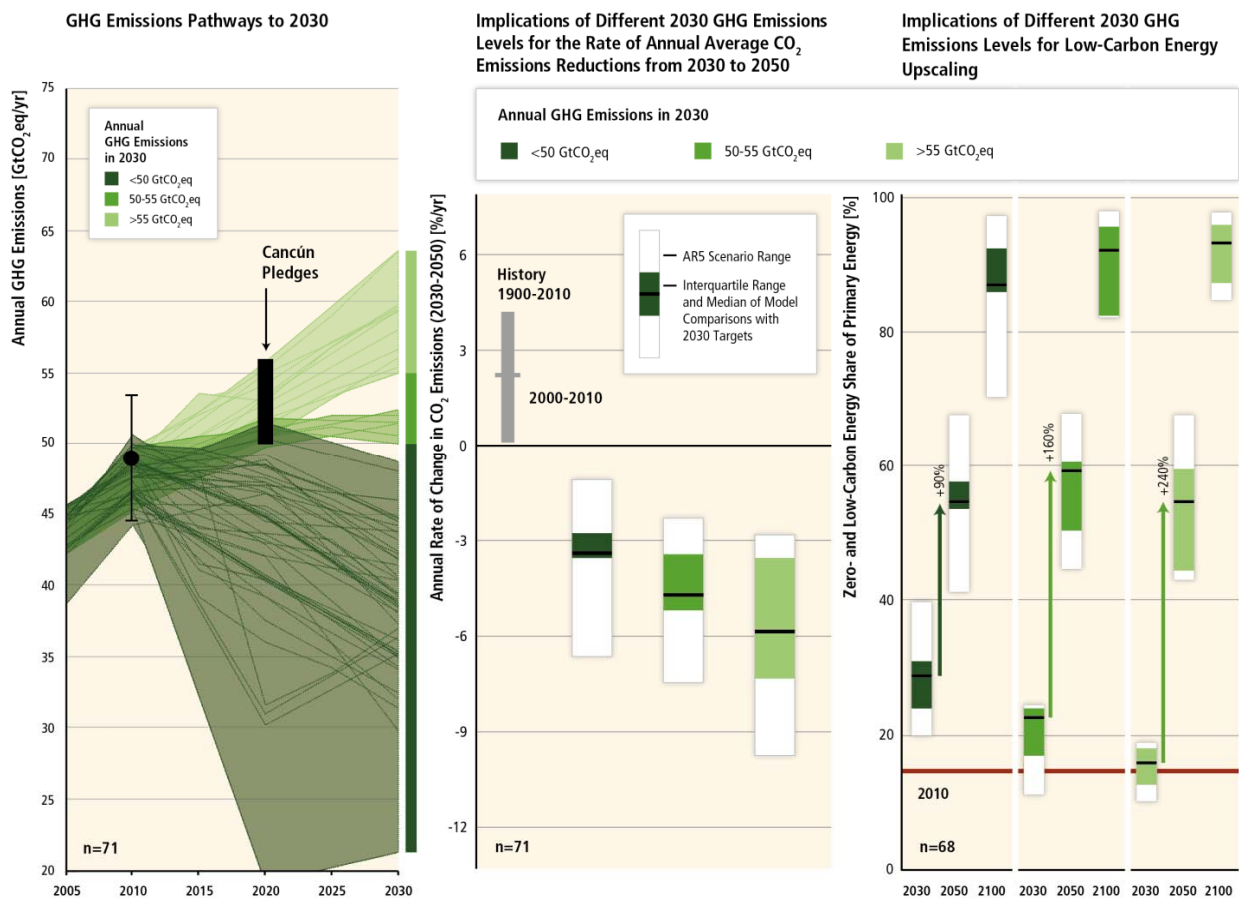
Corrected sentence to clarify that only scenarios, which exceed atmospheric concentrations of 650 ppm CO₂eq are assessed to be unlikely to limit temperature increase to below 2°C by 2100 compared to pre-industrial levels. Replace “reach” by “exceed”. The corrected sentence would read: “Scenarios that exceed about 650 ppm CO₂eq by 2100 are *unlikely* to limit temperature change to below 2°C relative to pre-industrial levels.”

Section SPM.4.1, Table SPM.1

Corrected atmospheric concentration category in footnote 2 consistent with the categories shown in Table SPM.1. Replaced “750” by “720”. Replaced “categorized” by “fall into” for technical correctness. The corrected sentence would read: “Baseline scenarios (see SPM.3) fall into the >1000 and 720–1000 ppm CO₂eq categories.”

Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.5 – Left Panel

The SPM figure contained an internal inconsistency by presenting 89 scenarios in the left-hand panel while referring to n=71 scenarios instead. This inconsistency originated from accidentally showing an additional set of 18 scenarios with large negative emissions (>20 GtCO₂) and exogenous carbon price assumptions. In order to regain the envisaged internal consistency with the middle and right panel of the figure, which exclude scenarios with large negative emissions or exogenous carbon price assumptions, these 18 scenarios were removed from the left panel figure as well. This change has no influence on the ranges or any of the main messages in the SPM text. In y-axis label, included “Annual” in the y-axis title to read “Annual GHG Emissions [GtCO₂eq/yr]” for clarification. The corrected figure would look:



Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.5 – Caption

Corrected sentence by deleting “and” before “fossil energy” and replacing “or” by “and” before “bioenergy”. The corrected sentence would read: “Zero- and low-carbon energy supply includes renewables, nuclear energy, fossil energy with carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS), and bioenergy with CCS (BECCS).” This change is necessary to clarify that both BECCS and fossil CCS are part of the zero- and low-carbon share of the scenarios.

Corrected unit in brackets to read “(>20 GtCO₂/yr)” instead of “(>20 GtCO₂eq/yr)”. The corrected sentence would read: “Scenarios with large net negative global emissions (>20 GtCO₂/yr), scenarios with exogenous carbon price assumptions, and scenarios with 2010 emissions significantly outside the historical range are excluded”. This error correction is necessary to clarify that in the figure scenarios with net negative CO₂ emissions of > 20 GtCO₂ were excluded. This is different from scenarios that report net negative emissions of total GHGs, which are measured in GtCO₂eq.

In order to clarify why in the right panel of the figure there are three scenarios less compared to the other panels of the figure, the following sentence was added at the end of the caption. The corrected sentence would read: “The right-hand panel includes only 68 scenarios, because three of the 71 scenarios shown in the figure do not report some subcategories for primary energy that are required to calculate the share of zero- and low-carbon energy.”

Section SPM.4.1, Table SPM.2 – Caption

Moved footnote on the definition of cost-effective scenarios to the first mentioning of this term in the first line of the table caption, where it is most relevant. The first sentence of the caption would read: “Global mitigation costs in cost-effective scenarios¹ and estimated cost increases due to assumed limited availability of specific technologies and delayed additional mitigation.”

Corrected sentence in table caption by deleting reference to the year 2020 as only scenarios with delays in mitigation efforts through 2030 are included. The corrected sentence would read: “The blue columns show the increase in mitigation costs over the periods 2030–2050 and 2050–2100, relative to scenarios with immediate mitigation, due to delayed additional mitigation through 2030.”

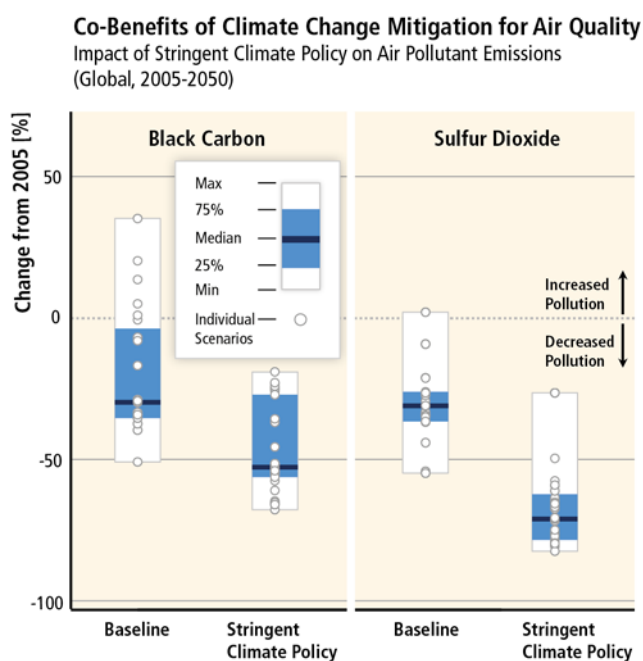
Section SPM.4.1, Table SPM.2

In first row of light green column, removed the term ‘implementation’ as its inclusion was incorrect in conjunction with the use of ‘cost-effective scenarios’. Included duplicate footnote 1 to definition of cost-effective scenarios. Column entry would read: “Consumption losses in cost-effective scenarios¹”.

Corrected footnote 5 to by replacing “or” by “and/or” to adequately reflect the set-up of scenarios included. Corrected sentence would read: “Some models that are included in the cost ranges for concentration levels above 530 ppm CO₂eq in 2100 could not produce associated scenarios for concentration levels below 530 ppm CO₂eq in 2100 with assumptions about limited availability of technologies and/or delayed additional mitigation.”

Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.6

Included 'climate change' in figure title to clarify that co-benefits for air quality result from the mitigation of climate change. Title would read: "Co-benefits of climate change mitigation for air quality". The figure with corrected title would look:



Section SPM.4.1, Figure SPM.6 – Caption

Adjusted reference to concentration range of mitigation scenarios to achieve consistency with description used in caption of SPM.5. Replaced "reaching atmospheric CO₂eq concentration levels between 430 and 530 ppm CO₂eq by 2100" by "reaching about 450 and 500 (430-530) ppm CO₂eq concentrations by 2100". The corrected sentence would read: "Baseline scenarios without additional efforts to reduce GHG emissions beyond those in place today are compared to scenarios with stringent mitigation policies, which are consistent with reaching about 450 to 500 (430-530) ppm CO₂eq concentrations by 2100."

Section SPM.4.2.2, Energy, Page 23

Included "for instance" in sentence. Corrected sentence would read: "CCS power plants could be seen in the market if this is incentivized by regulation and/or if they become competitive with their unabated counterparts, for instance, if the additional investment and operational costs, caused in part by efficiency reductions, are compensated by sufficiently high carbon prices (or direct financial support)". This change is necessary to emphasize that CCS power plants could also become competitive due to reasons other than the examples listed.

Section SPM.4.2.3, Industry, Page 26

Removed “the” from sentence. Corrected sentence would read: “Lack of policy and experiences in material and product service efficiency are major barriers”. This change is necessary to emphasize that the lack of policy and experiences in material and product service efficiency just constitute some of several major barriers in the industry sector.

Section SPM.5.1, Figure SPM.9 – Caption.

Included ‘fuel’ in caption text for clarification. Corrected sentence would read: “Total electricity generation (leftmost column) is the sum of renewables, nuclear, power plants with CCS and fossil fuel power plants without CCS.”

Corrections of references to chapter sections, figures and tables

Section SPM.2, page 4: changed 3.1 to 3.2

Section SPM.4.1, page 15: deleted reference to Figure TS.13.

Section SPM.4.1, page 17, Caption Figure SPM.5: included 13.13.1.3

Section SPM.4.2.2, page 23: included reference to Figure TS.15, deleted reference to Figure SPM.2

Section SPM.4.2.3:

Transport, Page 24: changed Figure TS.15 to Figure SPM.7;

Buildings, Page 25: changed Figure TS.15 to Figure SPM.7;

Industry, Page 26: changed Figure SPM.3 to Figure SPM.2.

Section SPM.5.2, page 33:

Changed Figure TS.37 to Figure TS.38; changed 13.4 to 13.4.1; changed 5.2 to 5.3.3; included 13.3.4; changed 16.2.1.1 to 16.2.1; deleted 13.5.1.3; changed 14.5 to 14.4; included 13.6, 13.7, Figure 13.4, 13.13.2.3; deleted Table TS.9; included 13.6.