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

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Geneva, 3 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am addressing you regarding the schedule of the Synthesis Report (SYR) of the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).

The IPCC Bureau met on 2 June 2022 at its 62nd Session to discuss the schedule of the Synthesis Report of the Sixth Assessment Report, which due to operational matters, can no longer be completed as planned in late September 2022.

Following the IPCC Bureau's recommendation (see Annex I to this letter), it is anticipated that the SYR approval which was scheduled to take place from 26 to 30 September 2022 will be delayed to the end of 2022 / early beginning of 2023.

The details of the schedule will be shared for your approval once finalized and not later than end of June 2022.

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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The Bureau at its 62nd Session:

- Recommends a schedule for the SYR preparation with its approval Session taking place by end of 2022 / early beginning of 2023: sufficient time and support is given to the authors to finalize the report and to governments to review it, which will ensure a high scientific quality.
- Notes the potential implications from these changes to the elections for the new Bureau, and the cycle's transition and recommends that the Panel considers relevant issues at the Plenary meeting in September 2022.
- Notes the decision of the Chair, following the request of the Bureau, to establish a high-level consultative group with the participation of the three Vice-Chairs, the Chair, SYR TSU head and IPCC Secretary to start immediate consultation with the authors and SSC to reach consensus on the modalities for the completion of the work within the recommended schedule.
- Requests the Chair Hoesung Lee, who is responsible for the AR6 SYR, to ensure its diffusion and presentation as soon as possible, including at SB58 and COP 28 in November 2023.
- Agrees to share this recommendation and the schedule for SYR preparation and approval with the Panel with the view to seek the approval by end of June 2022.