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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, 27 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the 47th Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-47) in Paris on 13-16 March 2018, the Plenary decided to extend the mandate of the Ad hoc Task Group on Financial Stability of the IPCC (ATG-Finance).

The terms of reference of the ATG-Finance as decided on during the 45th Session of the IPCC is to propose, for consideration by the Panel, funding options, and implications therein, which aim to provide predictable, sustainable and adequate means for a smooth implementation of IPCC's programme of work.

More information on the work of ATG-Finance can be found on the newly established web page <http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/atg-finance.shtml>.

In March 2018, the ATG-Finance presented a report to the IPCC-47 which included the outcome of a survey among ATG-Finance members on the preferred options for sustainable financing of the IPCC in the medium and long-term. However, the outcome was based on responses from a limited number of countries. From the responses received, the most preferred option was voluntary contributions from member governments.

In order to advance the understanding of this option, the ATG-Finance is now seeking further information from IPCC member governments on opportunities for and barriers to voluntary contributions. It would therefore be highly appreciated if member governments, through their focal points, would share their views, addressed to the mailbox [*Part of the text removed here*] **by Thursday 31 May 2018** on:

- 1. What are the barriers to and/or opportunities for the member government to voluntarily contribute to the IPCC Trust Fund?**
- 2. What are the barriers to and/or opportunities for the member government to increase its contributions to the IPCC?**
- 3. What are the barriers to and/or opportunities for contributions on a regular basis or to provide multi-year pledges and what conditions could be favorable?**
- 4. What are the barriers to and/or opportunities for member governments to provide in-kind contributions in support of the IPCC's work programme?**

Your response to the above questions is highly appreciated and will provide enhanced knowledge to advance the discussion on the financial stability of the IPCC.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

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Secretary of the IPCC
on behalf of the ATG-Finance Co-Chairs