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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, 2 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Co-chairs of the Task Group on the Organization of the Future Work of the IPCC in light of the Global Stocktake (TG-FWLGST), I would like to request your comments and suggestions on the viable alternatives and options, hitherto identified by the Task Group, in consultation with governments, IPCC Observer Organizations and other relevant stakeholders. In particular, you are kindly requested to highlight the pros and cons of each of the options.

Since its establishment, the TG-FWLGST has solicited inputs for the identification of viable options for organizing and scheduling future work of the IPCC, beginning from the seventh IPCC cycle. The inputs from governments and IPCC Observer Organizations on the possible options were analyzed by the Task Group and were presented in the progress report (Document [IPCC-XLIX/INF.6](#)) at the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC-49, Kyoto, Japan, 8-12 May 2019). These options formed input into the Task Group discussions during its three physical meetings which were held at the IPCC-49.

Subsequent to the Task Group physical meetings, two alternatives were identified, and the initial options associated with the first alternative were further developed in order to be presented in the final report to the Panel at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPCC. The first alternative has seven options. Some of these options also influence the timing of elections of the new Bureau. The second alternative would be to launch a review in 2020 which could provide more information for both the IPCC and UNFCCC GST before a decision is taken (see Annex I for more information about alternatives and options). A method to use when considering the pros and cons associated with each of the viable options for alternative 1 was developed. This method is meant as supplementary to any written comments (see Annex II for detailed instructions). In addition, the Task Group agreed during their physical meetings in Kyoto that its main focus should be on the 7<sup>th</sup> cycle and deliverables to the 2<sup>nd</sup> GST.

To further advance the work of the Task Group, governments and IPCC Observer Organizations are kindly requested to submit comments using the dedicated spreadsheet by **31 August 2019** (see download and upload instructions in Annex 2).

Further questions on this request and related matters could be submitted to the IPCC Secretariat by email to [ipcc-alignment@wmo.int](mailto:ipcc-alignment@wmo.int).

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 'O' followed by a smaller 'M' and a checkmark-like flourish.

(Abdalah Mokssit)  
Secretary of the IPCC