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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, 28 July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

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.

I have the honour to inform you of the availability of the First Order Draft (FOD) of this report. According to IPCC procedures for preparing IPCC report, "the first draft reports should be sent to Government Focal Points, for information". The IPCC issued an open call for registration to join the Expert Review on Monday 17 July. In addition, the announcement was sent directly to all nominees for the preparation of the Special Report who were not selected as authors or review editors. The report page on the IPCC website provides information on the level of participation by country and region as well as the number and origin of experts registered:

<http://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/sr15/fod/public/>

The draft report is accessible via the IPCC web site at:

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Please note that this is a confidential document which must not be distributed, cited or quoted. We therefore kindly request that you not to share the access code to the draft report.

Governments are asked to encourage experts to participate in the Expert Review. Prospective reviewers should register online, registration will close on **17 September 2017 midnight (GMT +1)**:

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

The Expert Review period starts on **Monday, 31 July 2017, and ends on Sunday, 24 September 2017, midnight (GMT + 1).**

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).

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,

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

(Abdalah Mokssit)
Secretary of the IPCC