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Ministries of Foreign Affairs
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Geneva, 23 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you know the COVID-19 pandemic has implications for the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), especially for the schedule for the Sixth Assessment cycle.

Following the consultations with the Bureau, the IPCC Executive Committee has approved the proposal from the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) for the following changes to the schedule of the TFI:

- TFI - Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories - IPCC Expert Meeting to collect EFDB and Software users' feedback, changed from 8-11 December 2020 to 1-4 December 2020 (Hayama, Japan) ---> **is cancelled**.
- TFI – 2nd Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers, postponed from 30 June - 2 July to 15-17 December 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey) ---> **is postponed to 2021**.
- TFI – 32nd meeting of TFB originally planned for 3 July 2020 in Istanbul, postponed to either 23 October 2020 in Rome or 18 December 2020 in Istanbul ----> **was held virtually on 11-12 November 2020**.

Due to the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 situation will evolve in the future, the schedule may need to be adjusted accordingly. The Secretariat will keep you informed.

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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