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Ministries of Foreign Affairs
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Geneva, 10 August 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well in these challenging times.

Further to our Letter No.5232-20/IPCC/AR6 of 2nd July 2020, we are writing in relation to the changes to the schedule of Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6).

Following the consultations with the Bureau, the IPCC Executive Committee has approved the following dates, which were the earliest dates possible to produce a credible draft in terms of scientific rigour and inclusivity while avoiding an undue overlap with the government and expert review of the Working Group II contribution to the AR6 Second Order Draft (SOD):

- Cut-off date for literature submitted for publication: **14 December 2020**
- SOD government review period: **18 January – 14 March 2021**
- Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4): **5 days between 12-30 April 2021**

The detailed timeline beyond LAM4 is still under discussion, but it should be noted that the delay means that it will not be possible to complete the Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report before the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC.

The Working Group III Co-Chairs, Bureau and authors are disappointed that this postponement had to be made, but look forward to submitting a high-quality SOD for review by governments and experts in due course.

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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