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To designated IPCC Focal Points and  
Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFAs)  
(if no focal point has been designated)

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Geneva, 21 March 2024

Sir/Madam,

I wish to bring to your attention an error claim for the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Synthesis Report (SYR) for the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). This error claim was received by the IPCC Secretariat after the approval of the AR6 SYR SPM at the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (Interlaken, Switzerland, 13 – 17 March 2023).

Appendix A to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, Annex 3 - [IPCC Protocol for Addressing Possible Errors in the IPCC Assessment Reports, Synthesis Reports, Special Reports and Methodology Reports](#) (hereafter referred to as “Error Protocol”), outlines the procedures for addressing alleged errors in the SYR (see Section 3 of the Error Protocol).

The current IPCC Chair, in consultation with the relevant SYR Section Facilitators, decided that action is warranted (Step 3). Furthermore, it was decided that this is not a typographical error. Subsequently, the erratum statement attached to this letter as **Annex 1** was constructed in consultation with the AR6 IPCC Chair and the relevant AR6 Working Group Co-Chairs, and subsequently approved by the IPCC Bureau

Section 3, Step 5A of the Error Protocol stipulates that the erratum statement be submitted to the Panel for approval, following approval by the IPCC Bureau. Accordingly, by this letter, the statement in Annex 1 is hereby submitted to the Panel for consideration and approval.

I sincerely hope that you agree with this simple correction. Unless we hear any objections by **Friday 5 April 2024, 18:00** (CEST, Geneva time), we will proceed as suggested.

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,



(Abdalah Mokssit)  
Secretary of the IPCC

## ANNEX 1:

### Sixth Assessment Report Synthesis Report (SYR) Summary for Policymakers (SPM) Error Notification and Erratum Proposal

*The original error allegation was:*

"As we are reviewing the AR6 SYR SPM for the first time, we have found an error and would like to report it. The error is found in sub bullet C.6.2. Below, we have indicated that the word "including" in this bullet needs to be removed, since it is factually incorrect. Indigenous Peoples are NOT included in "civil society" as an actor".

*The solution proposed by the individual alleging the error was simply to remove the word "including" from the second sentence:*

"6.2 Effective local, municipal, national and subnational institutions build consensus for climate action among diverse interests, enable coordination and inform strategy setting but require adequate institutional capacity. Policy support is influenced by actors in civil society, **including** businesses, youth, women, labour, media, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities. Effectiveness is enhanced by political commitment and partnerships between different groups in society. (high confidence) {2.2; 4.7}"