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Report on the draft of the Working Group III contribution to the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report

GENEVA, 19 July - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) notes that an article has been published in The Economist citing a table that appears in the second order draft of the IPCC Working Group III contribution to the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report.

This draft, like any IPCC draft, is the result of the IPCC's iterative process of writing and review and thus a work in progress. The text is likely to change in response to comments from government and expert reviewers. It is therefore premature and can be misleading to attempt to draw conclusions. Draft reports are intermediate products and do not represent the scientific view that the IPCC provides on the state of knowledge of climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts at the conclusion of the process.

Working Group III is assessing the scientific literature on the mitigation of climate change. Assessments of climate sensitivity are provided by Working Group I, which deals with the physical science basis of climate change.

The WG contributions to the IPCC AR5 will be released subsequent to their approval. The schedule of the approval sessions is as follows:

Working Group I: 23-26 September 2013

Working Group II: 25-29 March 2014

Working Group III: 7-11 April 2014

The working groups look forward to discussing their contributions after they have been finalized.

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