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

GENEVA, 19 August - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) notes that an article has been published on Reuters citing a leaked final draft of the Summary for Policymakers of the IPCC Working Group I contribution to the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report.

The IPCC does not comment on the contents of its drafts but the IPCC Working Groups look forward to discussing their contributions after they have been finalized and approved.

This draft, like any IPCC draft, is the result of the IPCC's process of repeated writing and review and thus a work in progress. The text is likely to change in response to comments from governments received in recent weeks and will also be considered by governments and scientists at a four-day approval session at the end of September. It is therefore premature and could be misleading to attempt to draw conclusions from it. Draft reports are intermediate products and should not be represented as the final scientific view that the IPCC provides to policymakers in its finalized and accepted reports on the state of knowledge of climate change.

Working Group I assesses the scientific literature on the physical science basis of climate change. Working Group II assesses literature on impacts, adaptation and vulnerability, and Working Group III assesses literature on the mitigation of climate change.

The Working Group contributions to the Fifth Assessment Report 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

Synthesis Report: 27-31 October 2014

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