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ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Geneva, 31 August - 4 September 2008

Agenda items: 1 and 2  
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**PROGRAMME FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE IPCC**

**31 August 2008, Geneva, Bâtiment des Forces Motrices (BFM)**

Please consider carefully security advice provided below

**1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**

The Chairman of the IPCC Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri, will call the session to order at 15:00 hours on Sunday, 31 August 2008 at the "Bâtiment des Forces Motrices", 2, place des Volontaires, 1204 Genève.

Opening remarks by the IPCC Chairman

Address by Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations

Address by Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, Federal Councillor and Head of the Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Swiss Confederation

Address by Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General of WMO

Address by Mr. Achim Steiner Executive director of UNEP

Address by Mr. Roberto Acosta on behalf of Mr. Yvo de Boer Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

The Chairman will call for a short break to allow dignitaries to leave the venue. Delegates are requested to remain seated.

**2. CELEBRATION OF 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IPCC**

The IPCC Secretary will welcome special guests, which have played an important role for the IPCC in the past 20 years, including previous Executive Heads of IPCC parent organizations and members of the IPCC Bureau. The following programme will be moderated by Mr. Ralf Begleiter.

**2.1 The evolution of climate change science as reflected in IPCC Reports**

Sir John Houghton, Mr. Bob Watson and Mr. Ogunlade Davidson will give short presentations on the highlights of IPCC assessments, followed by a Panel discussion. The presentations have been prepared with input from current and previous Working Group Co-chairs. Many of them will join us for the Panel discussion.

## 2.2. IPCC Reports as seen by an artist

The photographer Mr. Yann Arthus Bertrand will show a five minute preview of a film he is currently preparing on the State of the Earth. He will also speak about his Foundation GoodPlanet.org, how he tries to reduce and offset his personal impact on climate change and why he is referring to statements from IPCC reports in many of his exhibitions.

## 2.3. IPCC assessments, their relevance for climate change policy in the past and future challenges

Presentation R.K. Pachauri, Chair of the IPCC, followed by a discussion.

### BUFFET RECEPTION WITH MUSIC

After closure of the programme all participants are invited to a cocktail buffet with music from 18.30 to 23.00 hours, offered by the Swiss Federal Council, the State Council of the Republic and Canton Geneva and the Administrative Council of the City of Geneva. During the reception we will provide opportunity to share IPCC memories, including a slide show of pictures taken at IPCC meetings and posters which describe the main results from IPCC Reports, and which you may want to discuss with the Co-chairs who have guided the preparation of these Reports.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC will reconvene on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00 hours at the “Centre International de Conférences de Genève” (CICG), Rue de Varembe 9-11, 1211 Genève 20.

#### **Important Security Information**

The presence of the UN Secretary General and other dignitaries will require specific security provisions which we kindly ask you to respect.

Only delegates from IPCC Members or representative of observer organizations in respect of whom credentials have been received will be able to attend the opening ceremony. It is therefore essential to submit credentials by mail or fax to the Secretariat as soon as possible. Delegations and observer organizations that will have not submitted credentials before the opening ceremony are required to bring such credentials with them in order to be admitted. Special information will be issued for media accreditation.

A provisional list of participants based on the credentials received will be posted on the IPCC Website and regularly updated.

**Registration for the Session will start at 13.00 hours at the BFM.**

Invited guests, delegates and observers are kindly asked to arrive early and to bring their **passport or ID card.**

Security regulations will require screening of bags. We therefore advise you not to bring suitcases with you. You may also consider not bringing your laptops.

**Delegates are kindly requested to be seated at 14.45 hours.**