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(Submitted by the Technical Support Unit of Working Group II)

TECHNICAL PAPER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER

Progress has continued on the Technical Paper on Climate Change and Water. The writing team consists of:

- three Co-ordinating Lead Authors – Bryson Bates, Zbigniew Kundzewicz and Shaohong Wu,
- 24 Lead Authors,
- 6 Contributing Authors,

drawn from around 20 countries. The process is being managed by the Working Group II Technical Support Unit (WGII TSU).

The first phase of review, by Governments and Experts, took place between 21 May and 17 June 2007. The draft received around 1600 comments from experts and 700 comments from governments. These comments were processed and sent out to authors at the end of June.

The second Lead Author Meeting was held from 6th to 8th August 2007 in Victoria, British Columbia. We thank the Government of Canada for their hospitality, and especially Dr Terry Prowse who acted as local organiser. During the meeting, authors incorporated revisions to their text in response to reviewers' comments.

Since August, authors have been working to compile the Final Government Draft. This was submitted to the WGII TSU on 9th November. The annotated review comment files have also been submitted to the WGII TSU. The Final Government Review will open on 26th November, and will run until 24th December. The Secretariat will send out the invitations to review to governments, and the WGII TSU will host the review webpage.

The Co-ordinating Lead Authors will meet in February to consider final government comments, prior to submission of the Technical Paper to the IPCC Bureau. In accordance with the '*Principles Governing IPCC Work*', the Bureau functions in the role of an Editorial Board. Consultations with authors are scheduled for the Bureau meeting in April 2008, leading to finalisation of the Technical Paper.