



PRESS ADVISORY

IPCC MEETING IN WEMBLEY TO AGREE FINAL PART OF "CLIMATE CHANGE 2001" ASSESSMENT

London, 20 September 2001 - Some 300 government and other experts will meet from 24 to 29 September at the Wembley Conference Centre near London, UK to finalize the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Synthesis Report.

The draft report of 120 pages, which includes a 15-page Summary for Policymakers, is presented in a question-and-answer format. Answers to the nine policy-relevant scientific questions are to be based on information synthesized from the three "Climate Change 2001" volumes agreed earlier this year. These volumes are The Scientific Basis; Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability; and Mitigation.

Journalists are invited to attend the meeting's opening ceremony on Monday the 24th at 10 a.m., which will last for around one hour. Speakers will include UK Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General G.O.P. Obasi, a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme, and IPCC Chairman Robert Watson. The remainder of the Eighteenth Session of the IPCC is closed.

FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE AND RELEASE OF REPORT

The finalized report will be distributed at 11h30 GMT on Monday, 1 October, when it will be posted at www.ipcc.ch and (soon after) at www.meto.gov.uk/sec5/CR_div/ipcc/wg1/.

IPCC Chairman Robert Watson will hold a press conference shortly after 10h30 a.m. on Monday, 1 October in the Astor Room at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St. James Square, London. Journalists attending this briefing can obtain printed copies of the report at 10h00 (under embargo until 11h30).

PROCEDURES FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION

To avoid delays upon arrival in Wembley for the 24 September opening ceremony, please fax your details (on official letterhead) and a copy of your press card to Michael Williams, IPCC Press Accreditation, at +44-20-8585-3634. In addition, all journalists will be required to show their press card and a second form of photo ID upon arrival at the conference center.

To accredit in advance for the 1 October press conference in London, please fax your details (on official letterhead) and a copy of your press card to Catherine O'Keeffe, RIIA Conference Unit, Fax: +44-20-7321-2045, Tel: +44-20-7957-5747, cokeeffe@riia.org. Your press card will also be required for entry to Chatham House.

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