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(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)

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The role of the IPCC demands that it pays special attention to issues of independence and bias in order to maintain the integrity of, and public confidence in, its products and processes. Therefore the Panel adopted at its 33rd and 34th Sessions (Abu Dhabi, UAE, May 2011 and Kampala, Uganda, November 2011) the IPCC Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy and the Implementation Procedures of the Policy, including the COI Disclosure Form.

In accordance with Rule 21 (c) of Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work, the “Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and Any Task Force Bureau”, nominations for positions on the IPCC Bureau and Task Force Bureau should be submitted in writing to the Secretariat at least one month before a scheduled election. A nomination should include the curriculum vitae of the person nominated, as well as the Disclosure Form in accordance with the IPCC Policy on Conflict of Interest.

In accordance with Rule 21 (d) Members of the IPCC may also nominate a person for the IPCC Chair, the IPCC Bureau or the Task Force Bureau by making oral presentations to the Panel at the Session at which an election is to be held. Individuals so nominated must provide curriculum vitae for distribution to the Panel at the time of nomination, as well as submit a Disclosure Form to the Secretariat in accordance with the IPCC Policy on Conflict of Interest.

In accordance with Rule 3 of the Implementation Procedures of the COI Policy, the COI Committee, composed of the elected members of the Executive Committee and two additional members with appropriate legal expertise from UNEP and WMO, will review the COI Disclosure Form of each nominee for election to the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau. Where the COI Committee determines that a nominee has a conflict of interest, the individual will not be eligible for election to the Bureau or Task Force Bureau in case this conflict of interest cannot be resolved. This process will also apply with respect to candidates for election to the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau who are nominated in the course of the IPCC Session during which the election is to be held.

In order to review the COI Disclosure Forms of the nominees, the COI Committee will meet in a teleconference early September 2015 and furthermore through in-person meetings in the margins of the 42nd Session in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The COI Committee will transmit its first ruling concerning the COI of candidates for election to the IPCC Bureau or Task Force Bureau through the Panel to the Nominations Committee by Monday 5 October 2015 at noon.