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(Submitted by the Acting Secretary of the IPCC)

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Background

The IPCC Secretariat has been approached by a number of Member States asking for a list setting out which of its Members the IPCC considers are developed and developing countries for use in the IPCC elections.

The IPCC elections are based on Appendix C to the Principles Governing IPCC Work. Since the 35th Session of the IPCC (Geneva, 6-9 June 2012), the Procedures for the Election of the IPCC Bureau and any Task Force Bureau, in short the Election Rules, specify that the three IPCC Vice-Chairs include at least one person from a developed country and one from a developing country, and that one Co-Chair in each Working Group and any Task Force Bureau is from a developing country. These provisions were based on earlier IPCC practice in which the economies in transition were included in the category of developing countries. However, an official listing to which category IPCC Members belong has never been made.

Response

Accordingly, for the forthcoming elections, the IPCC Secretariat requested the Office of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations (UN) in New York for a specification as to which category the IPCC Members belong. The Legal Counsel confirmed that no overall definitions are available, but that the Statistical Annex to the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015 Report could be used as the basic guiding source.

The Statistical Annex was issued by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (UN/DESA), and is based on information obtained from the Statistics Division and the Population Division of UN/DESA, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the five regional UN economic commissions, and furthermore from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Attached to this Note is guidance on developed countries (Annex 1), developing countries (Annex 2) and economies in transition (Annex 3), based on the information provided in the Statistical Annex.

The IPCC may wish to use the guidance provided in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 in the election process and in doing so continue with the practice of including both the developing countries and the countries with economies in transition in the category of developing countries.

ANNEX 1 - List of Developed Countries (41) - Based on the Statistical Annex to the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015 Report

Andorra
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
San Marino
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
United States of America

ANNEX 2 - List of Developing Countries (137) - Based on the Statistical Annex to the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015 Report

Afghanistan	Haiti
Algeria	Honduras
Angola	India
Antigua and Barbuda	Indonesia
Argentina	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bahamas	Iraq
Bahrain	Jamaica
Bangladesh	Jordan
Barbados	Kenya
Belize	Kiribati
Benin	Kuwait
Bhutan	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Lebanon
Botswana	Lesotho
Brazil	Liberia
Brunei Darussalam	Libya
Burkina Faso	Madagascar
Burundi	Malawi
Cabo Verde	Malaysia
Cambodia	Maldives
Cameroon	Mali
Central African Republic	Marshall Islands
Chad	Mauretania
Chile	Mauritius
China	Mexico
Colombia	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Comoros	Mongolia
Congo	Morocco
Cook Islands	Mozambique
Costa Rica	Myanmar
Cote d'Ivoire	Namibia
Cuba	Nauru
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nepal
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Nicaragua
Djibouti	Niger
Dominica	Nigeria
Dominican Republic	Niue
Equador	Oman
Egypt	Pakistan
El Salvador	Palau
Equatorial Guinea	Panama
Eritrea	Papua New Guinea
Ethiopia	Paraguay
Fiji	Peru
Gabon	Philippines
Gambia	Qatar
Ghana	Republic of Korea
Grenada	Rwanda
Guatamala	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Guinea	Saint Lucia
Guinea Bissau	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Guyana	Samoa

Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

ANNEX 3 - List of Countries with Economies in Transition (17) - Based on the Statistical Annex to the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2015 Report

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Montenegro
Republic of Moldova
Russian Federation
Serbia
Tajikistan
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan