

IPCC 37TH SESSION, 14-18 October 2013, BATUMI, GEORGIA

DECISION ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Possibility of convening Bureau sessions through electronic means

Following the discussions held by the IPCC Bureau at its Forty-Fifth Session (Geneva, 13-14 March 2012) and Forty-Sixth Session (Geneva, 28 February–1 March 2013) and by the IPCC Executive Committee, where agreement was expressed that there would be large savings and reduced environmental impact by holding Bureau sessions electronically; and keeping in mind the different levels of access to electronic means in different regions as well as the rapid development of new technologies;

At its Thirty-Seventh Session, the Panel:

Decided to amend Principle 14 of the *Principles Governing IPCC Work* as follows:

“14. Interpretation into all official UN languages shall be provided for all sessions of the IPCC meeting in plenary, of its Bureau and its Working Groups. Should members of the IPCC Bureau or government representatives participate in a session of the Bureau via video conferencing or other electronic means the interaction with these members of the Bureau and government representatives may be in English only. Such arrangements will be subject to agreement by the Bureau, in advance of the meeting, and availability of technical facilities.”

Also decided to encourage countries and institutions hosting IPCC Bureau meetings to facilitate the use of adequate technologies and facilities which allow full remote interpretation in all UN languages as they become available.