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**Opening of the Scoping Meeting for the AR6 Synthesis Report
Singapore, 21 October 2019**

Statement by IPCC Secretary Abdalah Mokssit

Your Excellency Masagos Zulkifli, Minister For The Environment And Water Resources of
Singapore

Dear IPCC Chair, Hoesung Lee

Distinguished Bureau Members and experts

Welcome to this Scoping Meeting for the AR6 Synthesis Report.

This marks an important milestone in the Sixth Assessment Cycle, which has the most intensive and ambitious work programme in the three decades of the IPCC.

I like to think of the AR6 assessment cycle as a bouquet of flowers that we are offering policymakers and other audiences.

We have already gathered four flowers with the three special reports and the methodology report over the past 12 months.

And now we are adding another four blooms to the bunch, with the three Working Group assessments and the Synthesis Report itself.

As we start work here at the Synthesis Report, we should bear in mind how AR6 has a particular focus on solutions.

This means that the Synthesis Report will be even more important than usual in terms of policy relevance for policymakers.

Let me thank all the experts and bureau members who have contributed and are contributing their time and expertise at meetings like this and in the preparation of the reports.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues in the Secretariat, and the staff of the Technical Support Units, for their support. And also the government representatives for their guidance and help in ensuring our assessments are policy-relevant.

Lastly, I would like to add my thanks to Singapore for hosting these meetings and much more.

Dear Minister, in our many discussions you have shown that Singapore is a true friend of the IPCC.

From what we have learnt, one can say that Singapore is providing many success stories on how climate science and research underpins best practices and technological developments in a wide variety of sectors.

We have worked closely with you over the months to set up these meetings.

Your support is a good omen for our success.

I would also like to thank you for Singapore's generous financial contribution to the IPCC.

I would specifically want to thank all the colleagues from Singapore's Ministry of Environment and Water Resources and in particular the Meteorological Service in Singapore for all your hard work in organising this meeting .

Thank you all for your attention.