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To Delegates from Member Countries  
and IPCC Observer Organizations

Seoul, 14 December 2020

**Subject:** Fifty-third Session of the IPCC, 7-14 December 2020  
**Closing of the Session**

Distinguished Delegates,

This written communication serves to confirm adoption of the Final Draft Decision following the expiration of the 72-hour silence procedure period, and also as the announcement of the end of this part of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session.

I would like to thank you for the flexibility and collegial spirit that you have shown to put a solid financial base for the work of the IPCC in these challenging times for the successful completion of the Sixth Assessment Report cycle.

In light of uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretariat will consult with you on suitable dates as well as the modalities for the Sessions to be held in 2021. I would like to thank the Secretariat for developing channels for this important consultation such as the newsletter and Focal Point portal.

All of us hope that we will be able to hold meetings in person when conditions allow. We understand the importance of such meetings in the IPCC work, not least in order to ensure that all Member Governments can participate in IPCC Sessions in an inclusive manner.

And I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the IPCC Secretary, Abdalah Mokssit, and his team for all their hard work to prepare this Session and to ensure that it ran smoothly.

Thank you again for your support of the IPCC.



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