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To Delegates from Member Countries  
and IPCC Observer Organizations

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**Subject:** Fifty-fourth (bis) Session of the IPCC, 7-14 December 2020  
**Closing of the Session**

Distinguished Delegates,

This written communication serves to confirm the 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 the 54<sup>th</sup> (bis) Session of the IPCC.

I would like to express our gratitude for the constructive approach as well as the flexibility and collegial spirit that you have demonstrated in this Session addressing the IPCC Trust Fund Programme and Budget. This ensures a healthy and solid financial base for the work of the IPCC in these challenging time and the successful completion of the Sixth Assessment Report cycle. Thank you again for your support of the IPCC.

All of us hope that we will be able to hold meetings in person as soon as conditions and measures to curb the pandemic will allow. While we continue to place importance on such meetings in the IPCC work, we are also making every effort to ensure the continuity and inclusiveness of IPCC's work that all Member Governments can participate.

We are also very grateful to the IPCC Secretariat for all the hard work and devotion to the IPCC, under the leadership of the IPCC Secretary, Abdalah Mokssit, to prepare this important Session and to ensure that it ran smoothly. The Secretariat operated 24 hours a day for the entire week to cover the diverse time zones during this Session. Warm congratulations for a job very well done!

I take this opportunity to wish you all best wishes for the Season and Happy New Year 2022! May this new year be a better one for all.



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