

Video message by Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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Thank you for coming together in Bangkok.

The work of the IPCC is indispensable.

You are a beacon of integrity, honesty and accuracy:

Guiding, informing, and shaping the global response to one of the greatest threats we face – the climate crisis.

Almost every country is behind you:

Committed to the rigour, objectivity and cold-hard facts the IPCC provides.

For proof, look no further than COP30 last year in Brazil...

Where 194 nations spoke with one voice to reaffirm, and I quote:

“The centrality of ...the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking, as provided by the IPCC.”

They emphasized the critical importance of the IPCC’s work in ensuring that the best available science feeds into the global stocktake.

The next round of reports will be crucial to global climate action over this critical decade and beyond.

I am grateful for all the progress made so far. Which this session should drive forward.

And I particularly want to thank Mr Abdallah Mokssit, IPCC Secretary, for a decade of service.

Your dedication and leadership have been central to the organization over the past ten years.

I wish you all the best for your retirement.

And I wish all of you a very productive session.

Together, let’s keep truth at the heart of climate cooperation and climate action.

Thank you.