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To designated IPCC Focal Points and
Ministries for Foreign Affairs (if no focal
point has been designated)

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Call for nominations IPCC scoping meeting on Renewable Energy Sources

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of bringing to your attention an IPCC scoping meeting on Renewable Energy Sources, scheduled to be held from 21 to 25 January 2008, in Lübeck, Germany.

At its 25th Session Mauritius, 26-28 April 2006, the Panel considered a proposal for an IPCC Special Report on Renewable Energy. Many countries expressed general support for such a Special Report. Taking into account the comments made, the Panel decided to hold a scoping meeting for a possible Special Report on Renewable Energy after the completion of the AR4. The Scoping Meeting is organised by one of the Vice-chairs of WG III, in close consultation with the Working Group III Co-chairs. A small Technical Support Unit was set up for that purpose. Based on the outcome of the Scoping Meeting the Panel at its 28th Session in early 2008 will decide on further IPCC work on this issue.

Issues that might be discussed at the scoping meeting include:

- Introduction, use of energy, historic role of renewables and climate change
- Technical, socio-economic and environmental matters related to
 - i. Biomass
 - ii. Direct solar energy
 - iii. Geothermal energy
 - iv. Hydro power
 - v. Wind energy
 - vi. Other renewables
- Integration of renewable energy into future energy systems
- Mitigation potential, costs of renewable energy systems and costs of transition
- Financing and insurance of renewable energy systems
- Regional utilisation options, capacity building, technology transfer and adaptation
- Climate change benefits and environmental impacts of renewables in the context of sustainable development
- Policies, barriers and opportunities for the introduction and diffusion of renewables

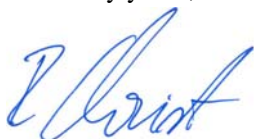
It is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to your Government to nominate experts for participation in the scoping meeting. Given its specialised, scientific-technical nature, attendance by appropriate experts is vital for the success of the scoping meeting. Thus, it would be most helpful if your Government nominates its representative(s) with appropriate expertise and excellent understanding in the fields mentioned above. This will also facilitate fruitful discussions within the smaller, parallel task groups that are planned, and which will form a substantial part of the scoping meeting programme. The attendance at the scoping meeting is limited to a total of 60-80 participants. Nominees invited to attend will receive further information on the scoping meeting.

I request that the nomination be made by completing the appropriate forms in the online registration tool at <http://www.ipcc-sh.de> (one per nominee per activity).

Limited financial support is available to representatives from the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, one per country. The offer of support to the government nominees will take into account the following factors, in the order mentioned: (i) balance of expertise across the various disciplines represented at the scoping meeting, (ii) balanced geographical representation and (iii) chronology of requests received.

All nominations should be made no later than **26 October 2007**. This deadline will be strictly adhered to because of the time required for the logistics of delivering the support. Copies of this letter are being sent to the IPCC Focal Point (or Permanent Representative for IPCC if you have such designation) and Contact Point(s), if any, the Permanent Representative with WMO and Focal Point(s) of UNEP of your country for information.

Sincerely yours,



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Secretary of the IPCC