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To Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and Review Editors for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)

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Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to welcome you as CLA/LA/Review Editor for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the IPCC. I would like to congratulate you on this development, because as you are aware we received an overwhelming number of nominations, which was in fact over 50 percent larger than what we received for the AR4. Hence your selection represents an important achievement and a clear acknowledgement of your expertise and remarkable record of scholarship and academic excellence in the field.

As part of the group of scientists who would be responsible for authoring the AR5, you would be dedicating your valuable time for a period of four years or so while this extremely important report is being prepared. In your new role you would not only be contributing to the assessment of new knowledge, but also providing decision makers and the public at large extremely valuable information on the basis of which the challenge of climate change can be met effectively. The success of the IPCC has resulted in much more focused attention on the work of the Panel and much closer scrutiny of every word that we publish, which imposes on us a heavy responsibility to see that errors of any kind are completely eliminated from the AR5. We would, therefore, have to work diligently and with a level of rigour perhaps not seen in previous reports. For this purpose you would need to familiarize yourself thoroughly with established IPCC procedures, fully conscious of demands that society has placed on us.

I would also like to emphasize that enhanced media interest in the work of the IPCC would probably subject you to queries about your work and the IPCC. My sincere advice would be that you keep a distance from the media and should any questions be asked about the Working Group with which you are associated, please direct such media questions to the Co-chairs of your Working Group and for any questions regarding the IPCC to the secretariat of the IPCC.

Finally, may I state that the IPCC is a unique family with a composite culture which accommodates cultures from all over the world. We are all driven by our efforts to achieve excellence and function in a collaborative and highly cooperative manner. I am sure with your association the IPCC would further enrich this rich culture and outstanding capabilities.

Wishing you all the best and welcoming you warmly to the IPCC family.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman of the IPCC