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

Geneva, 16 December 2011

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of IPCC Working Group I (WGI), Qin Dahe and Thomas Stocker, I have the honour to inform you that the First Order Draft (FOD) of the Working Group I Contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), *Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis* is now available for an eight-week period for review by experts. Please also see our letter dated 16 September 2011 (our ref.:5268-11/IPCC/AR5).

On the enclosed CD, you will find your complimentary copy of the FOD, which is provided to IPCC Focal Points for information, in accordance with the approved procedures for the preparation and review of IPCC reports.

Please note that the WGI AR5 FOD is a confidential document that **must not be cited, quoted or distributed**.

If you have any questions about the review process, please contact the IPCC Working Group I TSU at <wg1@ipcc.unibe.ch>.

As a reminder, the expert review of the WGI AR5 FOD starts today, 16 December 2011, and ends on **10 February 2012**, and is an expert review only. The government and expert review of the Second Order Draft of the WGI AR5 will take place from 05 October to 30 November 2012.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representative with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Focal Point(s) of your country for information.

Yours sincerely,



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