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Ministries of Foreign Affairs
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the Call for Proposals for the IPCC Scholarship Programme was announced yesterday on our website (www.ipcc.ch).

As you may recall, this Programme has been established with the funds received from the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the IPCC in 2007. Its purpose is twofold: to develop the knowledge, skills and capacity of young scholars from some of the regions most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and to strengthen the ability of developing countries to contribute to climate science and research.

The Programme will start with a Pilot Phase, managed by the Programme's Board of Trustees and Science Board, and facilitated by the IPCC Secretariat, with a limited number of scholarship awards for the initial round.

Graduate or doctoral students from developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, wishing to pursue academic education and training, undertake advanced research or upgrade skills are welcome to apply for a scholarship **before 31 July 2010**.

It is expected that the selection process will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2010 and that the selected applicants will commence their studies as soon as possible thereafter.

I am kindly requesting you all to circulate this call for proposals as widely as possible to help us reach prospective students who would most benefit from it, in the spirit of the Nobel Peace Prize.

The IPCC has set up the Scholarship Programme in view of its long experience in assessing risks of human-induced climate change, its broad global network of scientists and research institutions, its experience with producing policy-relevant information and identifying knowledge gaps and research needs, the IPCC is uniquely positioned to govern this Scholarship Programme and I sincerely hope that it will contribute to enhancing the knowledge base in developing countries.

On behalf of the IPCC, may I thank you all in advance for your assistance in distributing the Programme's call for proposals and your attention to the IPCC Scholarship Programme.

Yours sincerely,



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