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Dear IPCC Authors and Bureau members,

I assume you have followed on the 10 December the ceremony when the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to the IPCC and to Mr. Al Gore. I was among the few privileged to attend the ceremony in Oslo along with a few other colleagues. It was a memorable and touching event. Of course the 25 of us could not convey well enough the fact that thousands of scientists have substantially contributed to the IPCC work over the past years, even when Dr. Pachauri highlighted it in all his speeches and interviews.

We indicated to you earlier that we will try to prepare some certificate for authors and Bureau members, and I can confirm that we will produce replicas of the IPCC Nobel Certificate and the painting which goes with it and send them to all of you with a personal letter from the IPCC Chairman. We will do so early next year as we are getting close to the holiday break. In this context, please inform IPCC-Sec@wmo.int by reply e-mail about your correct postal address.

May I also add some clarification and a plea. Several individuals and institutions asked us how they can refer to themselves, their institutions or staff members as winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. We also saw numerous articles and headlines pointing to an individual as "The Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2007" and I assume it happened to several of you that media want to portrait you as "The Nobel Laureate". Please make clear at any such occasion that it is the IPCC as organization which was awarded the prize for 20 years of work, and that it was not awarded to any of us as individuals. We all contributed to the joint effort of the IPCC in our respective roles.

Let me thank all of you again for your active contribution to the IPCC over the years. I think it is extremely gratifying having received this most prestigious award, and I hope you will be able to continue to support the IPCC in the future.

With warm regards and my best wishes for the year 2008.



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Secretary of the IPCC