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Candidacy of Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele for the position of Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Dear Dr. Christ,

In response to your letter (dated 13 March 2015) inviting Governments to nominate candidates for the position of IPCC Chair and other Bureau members, Belgium has the honour of submitting the candidature of Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele for the position of Chair of the IPCC.

Experience within the IPCC

Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele has been involved with the IPCC since 1995 and is well known by both governments and the scientific community. He was a Lead Author for the Third Assessment Report (2001); elected Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability) (2002); elected one of the three IPCC Vice-Chairs in 2008; Review Editor for AR4, SRREN and AR5; co-responsible for the preparation of a report to the IPCC Plenary on how to enhance the participation of scientists from developing countries into the IPCC; member of the IPCC Communication action team, and member of the Science Board of the IPCC Scholarship Programme (for scientists from developing countries).

Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele has been a driving force behind many initiatives regarding the work and operation of the IPCC that have been launched and received special attention, such as the treatment of cross-cutting issues, the communication strategy, the increased participation of experts from developing countries, the elaboration of new scenarios, and the scholarship programme for PhD students from developing countries.

He has been successfully co-chairing several contact groups in particular during sessions to approve SPMs.

Professional experience

His expertise as a climate scientist is internationally recognized. He is also very much interested in, and has published research results on the issue of sustainable development and on the socio-economic aspects of climate change.

On several occasions, he has shown a great ability to build consensus, either within the IPCC or at the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development, where he has been chair for the last 17 years of the « Energy & Climate » Working Group. His scientific expertise and his knowledge of the IPCC have allowed him, on numerous occasions, to suggest solutions and negotiate universally acknowledged compromises.

He has been Co-Chair of several contact groups under the UNFCCC (2001-2007; he declined invitations to continue after being elected IPCC Vice-Chair), such as those leading to the adoption of the "New Delhi programme of international work on Article 6" (education, training, awareness, participation and public access to information, international cooperation in these matters) in 2002, and to a COP decision on how to take into account the 4th IPCC report in the climate negotiations (COP13, 2007).

He has organised many large-scale national and international scientific meetings, from the International Course on Climate and Desertification in 1983 (see special issue of Climatic Change) to the Stephen Schneider Symposium: Climate Change: from Science to Policy (2011) or the Interdisciplinary Symposium on Sustainable Development (2013, 2015).

Vision for the future of the IPCC

Professor van Ypersele will sustain and further develop what the IPCC does best: rigorous, independent, science-driven assessments of knowledge about all dimensions of the issue of climate change.

If elected, he will further develop the inclusive characteristics of the IPCC, so that the participation of developing country scientists is enhanced and that the perspectives of all regions of the world are reflected.

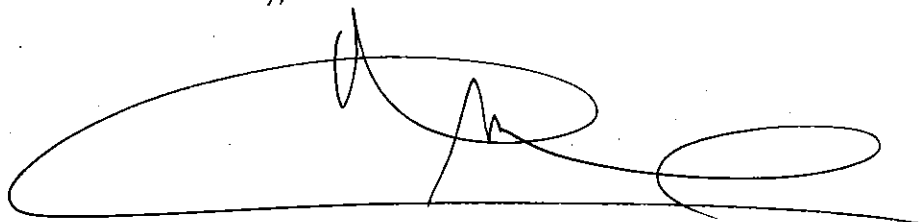
Professor van Ypersele would like to stimulate collaboration and knowledge sharing across as many interfaces as possible, including within the IPCC and with other institutions.

He will further develop the communication regarding IPCC products and procedures and ensure a greater transparency of the assessment process.

Professor van Ypersele has the personal, scientific and managerial qualifications for leading the IPCC in a dynamic way, responding to the evolving need for information that is both policy-relevant and policy-neutral. He has the will and opportunity to serve the members of IPCC **full time**, in particular to contribute to the capacity building of the next generation of IPCC authors through channels including the IPCC scholarship programme.

For all these reasons, Belgium is proud to support the candidacy of Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele for the very important position of IPCC Chair.

Yours sincerely,



René Delcourt,
Interim Chairman of the Board of Directors,

for Martine Vanderstraeten (absent),
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Enclosures:

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