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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Composition of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), and considerations for CoP-34**

Dear Madam or Sir,

In May 2026, the second term of Dr. Alexander Turra, a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) nominated by the SAC, will conclude. The Directorate and the SAC would like to express their deep gratitude for his exceptional commitment and the valuable contributions he has made during his term. The SAC will submit its candidates in due course by 30 April 2026, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at CoP-34, to be held on 3–4 June 2026 via videoconference.

Furthermore, in May 2026, the first terms of **two members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) appointed by the Parties will conclude**: Dr. Laura Ramajo (current Vice-Chair of the SAC) and Dr. Pedro Laterra. Both are eligible for a second term in accordance with the SAC Rules of Procedure, subject to the submission of renomination by any Party.

Dr. Ramajo and Dr. Laterra have demonstrated exceptional commitment and made valuable contributions to the SAC. It is therefore strongly recommended that the Parties support the renewal of their terms.

With respect to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), in May 2026, the first terms of **three members of the SPAC appointed by the Parties will conclude**: Carlos Joly, Gilma Mantilla and Inty Arcos. The beforementioned members are eligible for a second term in accordance with the SPAC Rules of Procedure, subject to the submission of renomination by any Party. Dr. Joly, Dr. Mantilla and Dr. Arcos have demonstrated outstanding commitment and have brought valuable contributions to the SPAC. It is therefore strongly recommended that the Parties support the renewal of their terms.

Consequently, the Parties would not need to nominate new members to fill vacancies on the SAC and the SPAC, as the current membership quota would be maintained, thereby ensuring an efficient process and compliance with the applicable rules for the nomination of candidates.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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