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## **THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR 2007**

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### Activities by the IPCC and proposal for the use of the Prize amount

On 12 October 2007 the Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 is to be shared, in two equal parts, between the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** and **Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr.** for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.

In its substantiation the Committee noted that “through the scientific reports it has issued over the past two decades, the IPCC has created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming. Thousands of scientists and officials from over one hundred countries have collaborated to achieve greater certainty as to the scale of the warming. Whereas in the 1980s global warming seemed to be merely an interesting hypothesis, the 1990s produced firmer evidence in its support. In the last few years, the connections have become even clearer and the consequences still more apparent.”

The Norwegian Nobel Committee further noted that by awarding the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the IPCC and Al Gore, it is “seeking to contribute to a sharper focus on the processes and decisions that appear to be necessary to protect the world’s future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind. Action is necessary now, before climate change moves beyond man’s control.”

Initial reactions by the IPCC to receiving the award have been posted on the IPCC website. Messages and letters have also been sent to IPCC authors and to the government focal points highlighting the fact that the IPCC as organization receives the award and that credit and thanks should go to all who contributed to the joint effort.

To this end the IPCC Secretariat is also in contact with the Nobel Foundation to explore the best way to recognize the contribution of experts, e.g. by providing them with personalized letters and/or a copy of the award certificate. The Secretariat also explores the possibility to indicate the award on IPCC publications.

The award ceremony will take place on 10 December 2007 in Oslo. The delegation of the IPCC is limited to a maximum number of 25 persons. The chairman in consultation with Co-chairs and authors of the AR4 has selected a delegation which reflects current and past contributors to IPCC work, including the two previous IPCC Chairmen.

The Prize amount for the IPCC will be 5 Million Swedish Krona (approximately 900.000,- CHF).

The Chairman proposes that the amount will be used to support information dissemination activities in developing countries, particularly those which are likely to face the most negative impacts of climate change. This would help to create capacity in these nations and communities based on knowledge contained in the AR4. It is proposed that the Chairman be authorized to set up a Task Group of three persons to work with him in developing a detailed plan for such activities, which would be submitted for approval by the Panel at its 28<sup>th</sup> Session.

