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## India's nomination of Professor Raman Sukumar to the IPCC Bureau as Vice-Chair of Working Group II

I have the honour to inform that the Government of India has decided to present the candidature of Professor Raman Sukumar for the position of Vice-Chair of Working Group II (WG II) at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Bureau Elections for the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) cycle, taking place in Nairobi, Kenya, in July 2023.

2. Professor Raman Sukumar is an active and highly respected scientist with over 30 years of experience in climate science and contributions to climate change-related policy. His academic research on climate change includes palaeoclimate, assessing the role of climate in tropical forest dynamics, modeling future climate impacts on the vegetation of the Indian subcontinent, establishing fire-climate relationships for the dry tropical region through long-term empirical studies, and improving the predictability of global wildfires through a neural network model. In these fields, he has published numerous peer-reviewed papers in leading journals such as *Nature*, *Climatic Change*, *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change*, *Holocene*, *Journal of Ecology*, *Oecologia*, *International Journal of Wildland Fires*, *PLoS One* and *Scientific Reports*.

3. Professor Sukumar has also consistently contributed since the early 1990s to the work of IPCC in various capacities including Coordinating Lead

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Author (IPCC Special Report on LULUCF), Lead Author (AR2, AR6 and Special Report on Land and Climate), and Review Editor (AR4). He was also Lead Author in the joint IPBES-IPCC report on Climate Change and Biodiversity. He is therefore well-versed with IPCC procedures and expectations.

4. At the national level, Professor Sukumar was among the earliest scientists to recognize the importance of climate change in formulating policies on nature conservation. He has helped shape conservation policies through his engagement with various committees and programmes relating to Biosphere Reserves, Protected Area management, Ecologically Sensitive Areas, and incorporating the human dimensions of wildlife conservation in decision making.

5. Prof Sukumar will have the firm support of the Government of India for this nomination. Government of India requests IPCC member country colleagues respectfully for their support.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely

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