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Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change

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The Court meets with scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

THE HAGUE, 26 November 2024. At the invitation of the International Court of Justice, a group of past and present authors of the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) met today with Members of the Court in The Hague to enhance the Court's understanding of the key scientific findings which the IPCC has delivered through its periodic assessment reports covering the scientific basis, impacts and future risks of climate change, and options for adaptation and mitigation.

The Court's invitation follows United Nations General Assembly resolution 77/276 of 29 March 2023, by which the Court is requested to render an advisory opinion on the obligations of States in respect of climate change.

Led by IPCC Chair Jim Skea, the IPCC scientists involved in this initiative included Robert Vautard (AR7 Working Group I Co-Chair), Nana Ama Browne Klutse (AR7 Working Group I Vice-Chair), Valérie Masson-Delmotte (AR6 Working Group I Co-Chair), Friederike Otto (AR6 Working Group I, Chapter 11 Lead Author), Tannecia Stephenson (AR6 Working Group I, Chapter 10 Lead Author), Aditi Mukherji (AR6 Working Group II, Chapter 4 Coordinating Lead Author), Alaa Al Khourdajie (AR6 Working Group III Contributing Author) and William Lamb (AR6 Working Group III Contributing Author).

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