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**Report of the IAI EC Chair**

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**Report of the Chair of the Executive Council (EC) of the  
Inter American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)  
Activities related to the EC Chair**

1. The EC Chair signed the Employment Agreement between the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and Dr. Holm Tiessen, new Executive Director of the IAI, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May of 2005.

The Agreement will allow Dr. Holm Tiessen to be the Executive Director of the IAI for a period of three years. The parties may extend, upon mutual agreement the term of this Agreement for an additional term under the same terms and conditions.

2. The EC endorsed the proposal of Mexico to register IAI in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to guarantee that IAI be represented at the annual CoP with side events and exhibits.

The Directorate has follow the recommendation and the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2005 a formal application for admission as an observer to sessions of the Climate Change Convention has been submitted by the IAI.

The documents will be processed within the secretariat of the UNFCCC for fulfillment of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and with the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their not-for-profit and/or tax-exempt status in a State Member of the United Nations, of one of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or in a State Party to the International Court of Justice. Following internal review, these applications which comply with the above conditions, are considered by Convention bodies before they are formally admitted by the Conference of the Parties (COP), the final authority under the Convention.

The UNFCCC Secretariat first review of the documents answer that a preliminary review of the documentation looks complete. The Secretariat will get in touch with the IAI before COP 11 to inform about the progress of the application and further steps.