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NOTIFICATION

Subject: The 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the 49th and 50th meetings of the Executive Council to be held via video conferencing on 19 August 2020

Dear Madam, Sir,

Owing to the advent of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and following discussions with several Parties, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Government of Paraguay, the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-28) and the 49th and 50th meetings of the Executive Council (EC-49 and EC-50) will be held virtually using video conferencing systems on **19 August 2020**.

The IAI Directorate regrets that it will not be possible to meet in Asunción, Paraguay, and is grateful for and acknowledges the efforts made by the government of Paraguay in the organization of CoP-28.

The EC-49, CoP-28, and EC-50 will address issues that require urgent and immediate attention such as the report of the EC, the budget and plan, and annual report by the Directorate per the attached agendas. Additional information will be provided to Parties via notifications and other communications.

Agendas and official documentation are also available on the IAI website at: http://www.iai.int/en/post/detail/CoP-28

Registration for the meeting is available at: https://iai-cop.typeform.com/to/n3zhcX
We request that delegates to the meeting register at their first possible opportunity and reserve this date. Information on the CoP-28 video conferencing system and login details will be made available in due time.

Parties are reminded that accreditation is required for Parties to participate actively at CoP-28. In accordance with Rule 3 of the *Standing rules of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, a Party that has not designated a Permanent and/or Alternate Permanent Representatives shall accredit through its competent diplomatic authority, prior to the meeting of the Conference of Parties, a Representative (and, if so desired, an Alternate Representative) to that Conference.

Such accreditation shall be valid also for the Executive Council Meeting immediately following that Conference of the Parties. All credentials should be sent to Ms. Soledad Noya (soledad@dir.iai.int) at your earliest possible convenience.

The IAI Directorate will make official documents for the CoP available on the IAI website at least 30 days prior to the start of the meetings in accordance with the *Standing Rules of the Executive Council of the IAI* and the *Standing rules of the IAI Conference of the Parties*.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director