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Director-General  
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The Editor  
Sunday Telegraph,  
London  
United Kingdom.

Dear Sir,

I have been reading with growing indignation what appears to be a sustained vendetta against me in the Sunday Telegraph as well as a number of blogs hosted by www.telegraph.co.uk. I take this opportunity to rebut the unfounded and baseless allegations and insinuations contained therein.

I hold a Ph.D in Industrial Engineering and in Economics from the North Carolina State University (U.S.A). I was elected Chair of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2002 by member countries of the IPCC (192 countries) for a term of about six years. On expiry of the six year term I was re-elected by acclamation in September 2008 for a further term of about 6 years.

First, it is necessary to point out that the IPCC Chair does not receive any payment, honoraria or compensation for work done for the IPCC. The only expenditures covered by IPCC Trust Fund are travel and daily subsistence allowance for members of the Bureau, and for experts, authors and government delegates from developing countries attending IPCC meetings. These expenditures are reimbursed according to WMO (World Meteorological Organization) Rules. Budgetary and financial documents relating to the IPCC including information pertaining to the funding of IPCC's activities are available on the IPCC's website – www.ipcc.ch. All allegations and insinuations that public money may be used to benefit either me personally or TERI through the IPCC are denied as completely against the facts.

Secondly, on the issue of TERI's links with the Tata Group, I state that while TERI was established in 1974 with seed money provided by Tata Chemicals and a few other companies, the organization has always functioned as a separate, completely independent, non-profit organization dedicated to research, development, training and extension according to a charter focused on sustainable development, and in accordance with Government of India regulations. To emphasize its independent status the Governing Council of

our Society (TERI - which is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act) has since March 2003 changed its name from Tata Energy Research Institute to The Energy and Resources Institute.

Thirdly, whilst I am proud of my association with various organizations, of which I am happy to provide a complete list, I reiterate that such association is limited to my advising them essentially on clean technologies and sustainable practices, and there is no question of them influencing the functioning of TERI, the IPCC or myself. It is unclear what is meant by banks, universities etc. benefiting from recommendations made by the IPCC owing to my association with them. The work of the IPCC is fully in the public domain and deals with assessment of all aspects of climate change. It is within the role of the IPCC to disseminate its findings and knowledge to governments, business and the public at large, including the media. Your criticisms and comments on the UN's Clean Development Mechanism cannot and do not apply to the IPCC. The provisions of CDM are included in and are derived from the Kyoto-Protocol. Any benefits therefrom accruing to the developing countries have nothing whatever to do with either the IPCC and or with TERI.

Lastly, on the issue of various positions that I occupy, I reiterate that there is absolutely no conflict between these roles and my position as Chairman of the IPCC. I advise several organizations on sustainable energy and related subjects, and any remuneration that is due to me from these organizations is paid to TERI, not to me. This is not, as has been suggested by your journalists, for reasons of tax evasion or money laundering, but totally in keeping with the practice at TERI, of which I am a full-time salaried employee. No part of these payments is received by me from TERI either directly or indirectly.

I do insist that this letter be published within a week - prominently in the Sunday Telegraph: if you do not propose to do so, I should be informed.



R.K. Pachauri

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Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change