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From the Principal Private Secretary

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CLIMATIC CHANGE

The Prime Minister has been considering the response which the Government should make to growing national and international concern about climatic change. She is arranging an informal meeting of Ministers on Monday 9 January to discuss this subject. She has asked the Cabinet Office to co-ordinate the preparation of a paper for consideration by the Ministers principally concerned at that meeting. She would like the paper to cover both the substance and the presentation of Government policies, and take full account of international aspects of climatic change.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your Secretary of State to nominate a representative on the Cabinet Office group. The following main departments will also need to be represented on the group: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Overseas Development Administration, the Treasury, the Departments of Energy, Trade and Industry and Transport, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. I would be grateful if the relevant Ministers could nominate representatives accordingly. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of nominees should be conveyed as soon as possible to Richard Wilson at the Cabinet Office.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Energy, Trade and Industry and Transport, and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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