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To the attention of:  
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Subject: Report - Woody Biomass for Power and Heat: Impacts on the Global Climate

Dear Sir,

Your report on woody biomass for power and heat does not present an objective overview of the current state of scientific understanding with respect to the climate effects of bioenergy.

The report was analysed by members of the IEA Bioenergy Technology Collaboration Programme with globally recognised expertise in biomass production, carbon accounting and sustainability of biomass. They determined that the major conclusions and policy-specific recommendations are based on unsubstantiated claims and flawed arguments.

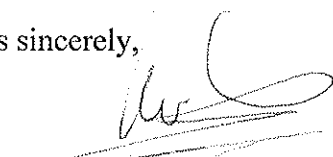
We invite Chatham House to engage in a more thoughtful and substantive discussion with technical experts like IEA Bioenergy and review the recommendations. The development of bioenergy and the bioeconomy as a whole are critical in order to realise a low carbon economy.

Long-term low carbon scenario's have been developed and are described in the IEA World Energy Outlook 2016. Biomass as a sustainable resource for products and energy is crucial to enable a low carbon economy in a sustainable way.

Sustainable production of biomass is possible and can be enlarged in an integrated way with food, and other human demands, as was presented recently by FAO, IRENA and IEA Bioenergy.

Our Technology Collaboration Programme would welcome the opportunity to explain the background of our arguments and to engage in a technical dialogue on this very complex topic. We feel this exchange is necessary to allow for sustainable development of a much needed low carbon economy.

Yours sincerely,



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