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Open Letter

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Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow
Chairman of the SBI 38
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Retired from the active foreign service of my country, but being your predecessor as Chair of the SBI and on the basis of my experience in other responsibilities on climate change negotiations, I request you to resign immediately as Chair of the SBI, in order to allow progress in the relevant task of that subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

There are no precedents of the frustration of an important international meeting comparable with the one originated in your failure to conduct the work. I wonder if you have idea of the political cost of such frustration. Of course there are also administrative costs as consequence of your lack of success, but you are not going to be charged for the expenses.

The testimony of your lack of conditions chairing the meeting is recorded in the web casting for the history of international negotiations. You shall not be misguided by early polite statements of delegations about your useless “efforts”, but you shall pay serious attention to the final advice of Mr. Ian William Fry of Tuvalu, of Ms. Diana Carolina Barba Patiño of Colombia and particularly of the Chairman of the G77 and China, who was endorsed by a solid applause from the floor.

In addition, your performance is the worst announcement for COP19 to be held in your country.

