



**Summary of Speech by Dr. R K Pachauri, Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
at the Opening of The Ninth Session of IPCC Working Group III at Bangkok, April 29, 2007.**

The Report of Working Group III (WGIII) as part of the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) represents a major advance over the assessment and findings contained in the Third Assessment Report (TAR). Scientific research and knowledge have progressed substantially in this area to make it possible for the authors to provide a more comprehensive basis for arriving at new understanding of mitigation issues and stronger scientific support for the findings of the TAR.

This has been possible with the capable and experienced leadership provided by the Co-Chairs of WG III, Dr. Bert Metz and Dr. Ogunlade Davidson. This output is the result of hard work by the authors who worked diligently over several years in producing this report.

This report assesses not only options related to the long term covering this entire century, but also a range of issues covering short and medium term horizons extending upto 2030. A wide mix of stakeholders contributed to this exercise, including representatives from business and industry and members of civil society.

The coverage of this assessment which is based on the outline earlier approved by the Panel extends to economic, technological and institutional aspects of mitigation measures. It is also the result of effective coordination with Working Groups II and III to ensure consistency with and consideration of the physical science basis of climate change and adaptation measures.

The WGIII report is being presented for approval after completion of the reports of WGI and WGII. The next report as part of the AR4 would be the Synthesis Report, due to be completed in November, 2007.

The Chairman IPCC ended his speech by thanking the Government of Thailand for all their help and hospitality and felicitated the people of Thailand on the auspicious occasion of the 80th birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand.