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## **POLICY GROUP**

### **Proposed CSLF Joint Task Force on Communication of Risk**

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## PROPOSED CSLF JOINT TASK FORCE ON COMMUNICATION OF RISK

*Note by the Secretariat*

### Background

At the meeting of the Technical Group in Oslo, Norway, in April 2009, creation of a new joint Policy and Technical Group Task Force was proposed for the purpose of developing appropriate communications concerning technical risks associated with long-term storage of carbon dioxide in geologic reservoirs.

### Action Requested

The Secretariat is proposing that this work be managed under the existing Task Force on Communications and that an NGO representative be added to the Task Force.

## **Proposed CSLF Task Force on Communication of Risk**

At the meeting of the CSLF Technical Group in London, United Kingdom, in November 2006, a new Task Force was formed to identify potential risks from carbon capture and storage (CCS) activities and examine the risk assessment standards and procedures that could be used to place these risks in context based on their likelihood to occur and their possible consequences. The Risk Assessment Task Force (RATF) has since focused on risks associated with the injection and long-term storage of carbon dioxide in geologic reservoirs.

At the meeting of the Technical Group in Oslo, Norway, in April 2009, it was noted there is a need to communicate the technical risks, and there was concern that the RATF plan doesn't explain how this will be done. There was consensus by the Technical Group that having the right message concerning risk is essential and that the responsibility for developing and communicating that message should include governmental representatives as well as scientists.

It was agreed that the RATF would continue its work and a joint Task Force with the Policy Group centered on "communication of risk" would be proposed at the next Policy Group meeting. Technical Group delegates from Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, and the United States have volunteered to participate in this proposed new Task Force.