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## **Statement of Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, on the Report of the Climate Dialogue at Pocantico**

There is an urgent need to engage intellectually and practically on what the world must do post 2012. Report after report is underlining the need for swift and decisive action on climate change from all countries, bearing in mind the Rio principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. Meanwhile industry and private business is demanding clarity and long term political commitment so they can plan for the coming decades, so they can fully and decisively play their part.

So I welcome all the initiatives currently underway including that of the G8 and the one being spearheaded by the United States in Asia aimed at averting the calamity of ever increasing climate change. There is clearly no silver bullet for defeating global warming. We need numerous broad and imaginative solutions to take us forward within the framework of the United Nations climate convention.

So I specifically welcome this new initiative led by the Pew Center which has allowed so many highly knowledgeable people to think creatively in order to find far reaching solutions to the world's most pressing issue. In doing so this dialogue has helped illuminate additional promising paths along which countries can confidently and willingly travel on their way to achieve the 60 per cent cut in emissions needed to stabilize the atmosphere.