



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF INDIA

Presbyterian Assembly House  
Central Ward, Shillong - 793001, Meghalaya, India

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To,

The Honourable Prime Minister of India,  
South Block, Rasina Hill,  
New Delhi 110011.  
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Subject: *Expressing deep appreciation for having ratified the COP21 Paris Agreement:*

Sir,

On having learnt that Government of India, under your dynamic leadership has ratified the Paris Agreement on Sunday, 02 October, 2016, the Peace and Justice Committee of the Presbyterian Church of India (PCI) which met in Shillong on Wednesday, 02 November, 2016, expressed its deep appreciation to you Sir and the whole Union Government for having taken this bold stand to join and to lead with example the steps toward mitigating climate change.

As the Paris Agreement becomes enforceable from Friday, 04 November, 2016, we believe that plenty of bold measures will need be taken in that every undertaking will require to take into account, environment and social impact assessments, sustainability of livelihood, resources, human existence, ecological balance and that we will need to work toward having clean air, clean water and clean soil.

We anticipate that all the States and Union Territories will be roped in together with citizens from all walks of life, occupations, ethnicity, religious persuasions, institutions, civil society organisations, unions so that it becomes a peoples' movement and implemented at every level and disciplines. All have become stakeholders and to reach the INDC goals, the grass root will need be engaged through a bottoms – up approach.

May we suggest also that the National Action Plan on Climate Change be reviewed accordingly and when it is being taken up, we will also send in our suggestions on its improvement and practicality. We hope that the review will be done very soon.

For your information Sir, the Presbyterian Church of India, through its Peace and Justice Committee has organised several seminars and consultations on the issue of climate change and its impact. Few of the presentations at these awareness programmes, have been published in book form entitled "Climate Action: Need of the Hour" and released during our last General Assembly Biennial Session in the month of May, 2016. The most recent Consultation held





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was on 09 September, 2016 in Shillong itself on the theme, "Response to Climate Action Plan: Global and National". We have further decided on a one year follow up programme also to include "Taking forward the Paris Agreement". The details are being finalised.

We assure you of our co-operation in every possible way to take forward India's obligations as per the Paris Agreement.

Once again, thank you Sir for your initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

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