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## Press Release

### Joint call for swift and just climate action: the Katowice Memorandum

Researchers, intellectuals and spiritual leaders jointly call for swift and just climate action. Together, they formulate the Katowice Memorandum at a symposium co-organized by the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) during the 24th UN Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 24) in Katowice, Poland.

The joint symposium was opened by Jerzy Duszyński, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Andrzej Kowalczyk, Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice, HE Pierre Levy, French Ambassador to Poland, Stéphanie Thiébault, CNRS Director of Institute of Ecology and Environment, and Msgr Marcello Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The list of outstanding speakers includes: Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC; Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Director Emeritus of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Research, Valerie Masson Delmotte, Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Nobel Laureate Mario Molina; Nicholas Stern, Professor at the London School of Economics and Chair of the Grantham Research Institute; Laurence Tubiana, CEO of European Climate Foundation; and many other distinguished scientists. Contributing religious leaders include the Primate of Poland, Wojciech Polak; the Chair of the German Council of the Evangelical Church, Heinrich Bedford-Strohm; Bruno-Marie Duffé, Head of the Vatican Delegation to COP24; and John Chryssavgis, environmental advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.

Enclosed please find the memorandum that had just been signed.