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Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on
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Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to introduce the Report of the Secretary-General on Preparations for and Observance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

The report focuses on the impact of climate change on the well-being of families and highlights the critical role of the family in advancing climate action.

In highlighting the challenges, the report emphasizes the role of climate change as a ‘threat multiplier,’ exacerbating existing crises and inequalities. It demonstrates the negative impact of climate change on food and water scarcity, health risks, and economic burdens, leading to stress and interpersonal conflict within families. Vulnerable families, especially in developing countries, face the worst consequences.

At the same time, the report shows that, given their vested interest in securing a sustainable future for their children and grandchildren, families play an important role in climate action through practices like regenerative farming, educating children

about climate issues, adopting eco-friendly consumption habits, and advocating for better-designed products and policies.

The report calls for governments to take actions that both protect families from climate change impacts and further empower families to live and act sustainably. It calls for measures such as ensuring food security, access to water and sanitation, social protection programmes, and investments in healthcare and early warning systems.

The report further describes the initiatives undertaken as part of the preparations for and observance of thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at national, regional and international levels and highlights good practices in family policymaking and civil society initiatives.

The report presents the follow-up to the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family as an opportunity to focus on the implementation of family-oriented policies in a rapidly changing world, with full recognition of the role of families in sustainable development.