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For the attention of the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee:

Legislative Consent Motion: UK Climate Change Bill

WWF Scotland welcomes the opportunity to respond to Committee on the Legislative Consent Motion for the UK Climate Change Bill. We agree with the proposal to **support the motion** as outlined in the Memorandum from the Scottish Government and would like to make the following comments:

As the Prime Minister acknowledged recently¹, the UK Government commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 60% by 2050 in the UK Climate Change Bill falls below widespread scientific and political consensus that the developed world must cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% by 2050. However, the UK Climate Change Bill would establish the legislative framework to ensure that emission cuts are achieved. This is vital and is to be welcomed. While WWF continues to campaign to see the target increased from 60% to 80% by 2050, it strongly supports the establishment of a UK legislative framework to secure progress in tackling climate change.

Scottish Government is committed to deliver similar measures in the Scottish Climate Change Bill with the desired target of an 80% cut in greenhouse gas emissions and should put in place a similar framework to the UK one for establishing a distinctive Scottish target. Since the UK Bill should not compromise Scotland's climate legislation, but will ensure working in partnership to show international leadership on climate change, then it should be supported.

The advisory role, with reporting and accountability of the UK Climate Change Committee to the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Ministers is welcome. The UK Climate Change Committee should co-operate closely with a Scottish Climate Change Committee or Commission should such an advisory body be established by Scottish statute.

If the Committee would like to follow up any of these points, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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¹ 19th November 2007