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Dear (Directors of all IITs)

Most of the education and research institutions in Europe and America have adopted Sustainability Agenda and are implementing programmes to reduce their Carbon footprint, recycle the resources, adopt energy efficiency measures and include sustainability issues in the teaching programmes. In U.K universities are ranked for their greenness on a Green league index. You would agree that IITs, being the premier institutions, have to play a lead role in implementing the Green Agenda in the country.

2. The Council of IITs in its 46th Meeting on 07.01.2013 decided that each IIT would establish a Green Office, which would carry out a Green Audit of its curriculum and its institutional management practices, such as energy, water, waste, construction projects, natural resource (forest, water etc.) and biodiversity conservation.

3. Discussions on developing technical indicators and processes to implement the concept and operational framework approved by the Council were coordinated in a meeting at the Centre for Sustainable Technologies, IISc., Bangalore, in which representatives from different IITs participated.

4. Based on these consultations, a draft strategy has been shared with the Ministry. This is attached for your consideration as suggestive strategy for further refinement/ modification and implementation accordingly. I would appreciate if you could apprise the Ministry of the action initiated by you latest by the end of July 2013 so that the IIT Council could be informed accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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To: Directors of all IITs

