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Climate change is a global challenge that requires global answers. No one on this planet can escape the consequences of inaction. Let us act now.

Austria has always been opposed to the use of atomic energy. Atomic energy is not a way to tackle climate change. It is not sustainable, neither in ecological nor in economic terms. Just think of the enormous costs of the (unresolved) storage of nuclear waste!

In addition to that, I want to underline that we all have to get more independent from fossil fuels. You know the goal to phase them out by the end of the century. Already today, Austria has a 80% share of renewables in electricity production. We want to further increase this share to 100% by 2030. That would mean that, by 2030, we would not use fossil fuels for producing electricity anymore. In our view, renewable energies – combined with energy efficiency – are clearly the best way forward.

This conference gives us the unique chance to reach an agreement based on international solidarity. All nations, big

and small economies, developing and industrialized nations are committed to tackle climate change.

We have to take this opportunity for an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement.

The EU and its Member States want to achieve the 100 billion US dollar goal by 2020. And after 2020, we will continue to mobilize sources to support climate action in developing countries.