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## MESSAGE TO NON-PARTY STAKEHOLDERS

Friends, I write to confirm that I will serve out my term as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which finishes on July 6, 2016, and not accept an extension of my appointment. As you well know, the Paris Agreement is a historical achievement, built on years of increasing willingness to construct bridges of collaboration and solidarity across all boundaries.

Governments deserve much credit for the remarkable outcomes of Paris, but so do you, the wider participants in the UNFCCC process. During many years you held the torch of the imperative high for all of us to see. Your support and your determination were unswerving. Your patience and your urgency were compelling.

Much remains to be done, especially in the next five years, to ensure we turn good intentions into the reality we all want. I know you will continue to inject energy, passion and perseverance into this process. You can count on me to do the same.

With my warm personal wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*(signed by)*

Christiana Figueres

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