

**Brunei Darussalam**

**Country Statement**

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Your Excellency, the President of COP21/CMP11,

Excellencies, Ministers,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam and our delegation, I would like to express our profound thanks and appreciation to the Government of France for the excellent hosting of this very important Climate Change Conference in this beautiful city of Paris.

Excellencies, ministers, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

While Brunei Darussalam accounts for only a very small amount (0.016%) of global greenhouse emission, we stand ready to play our part as much as we can in supporting the global efforts in combating climate change.

We have already submitted our INDCs as a manifestation of our intention to play our role in the global community. The policies and actions in our INDCs are aligned with our national development priorities and national circumstances. It includes policies and actions directed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change. In reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we intend to implement economy-wide policies and actions to realize the following aspirations:

- First, by 2035 we aim to reduce our 'business as usual' energy consumption by 63%;
- Second, by 2035 we aspire to source 10% of the total power generation from renewable energy;

- Third, by 2035 we aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from morning peak hour vehicle use by 40% compared to a 'business as usual' scenario; and
- Fourth, to enhance mitigations benefits from our forests, we planned to increase our protected forests from 41% to 55% of our total land area.

Recognizing that Brunei Darussalam's economy is heavily dependent on its oil and gas industry, we view our INDC as ambitious and represents a significant progression from our previous undertakings. Delivery of the contributions will require major investments in new technologies, such as the promotion of renewable energy technologies in spite of currently not being cost-competitive with existing conventional fossil based energy in Brunei Darussalam's. Although our existing protected forest cover constitutes almost half of its relatively small land area of 5,765 square kilometers, Brunei Darussalam plans to increase its forests coverage by 14%.

Brunei Darussalam aspires to accord its people with a high quality living. Enhancing climate resilience and adapting to climate change plays a major role in achieving this. For this our INDC includes policies and actions to protect the biodiversity of our ecosystem, mitigate floods and safeguard our coastal area from erosion.

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Like many other countries, Brunei Darussalam contributions to the global effort in addressing climate change hinges very much on our capability and capacity to address and overcome our human resources, institutional, technical and technological challenges. The complexity of climate change challenges and the diversity of the countries involved warrant that the new climate change agreement to be adopted at this 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC must take into account of differing national priorities and circumstances.

The diverse countries must act together, collaborate and synergise each other's strength and experiences especially in dealing with the transboundary and global environmental challenges. Brunei Darussalam is ready to pledge our full support for the adoption of a new climate change agreement and stand ready to work with colleagues to make this Conference a success.

Under the Chairman's wise and able leadership we are confident that we will conclude this Conference with concrete and pragmatic outcomes that will facilitate our collaboration in addressing current and future global climate change challenges.

Thank You.

Wabillahitaufig Walhidayah Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.