

**The statement of the President of Albania, H. E. Mr. Bujar NISHANI**  
**at the COP21 Leaders' Meeting**  
*Paris, on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

**Honorable Mr. President,  
Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen!**

I would like from the outset to express the gratitude for the invitation extended and hospitality of President Hollande and Foreign Affairs Minister Fabius, and also for organizing this very important meeting for the future of humanity and that of our common planet as well. Seizing this opportunity, I would also like to express once again Albania's and Albanians' solidarity to the Parisians, to French people and France after the barbarian terrorist acts of November 13<sup>th</sup>, while wishing to you to overcome this situation as soon as possible.

**Distinguished participants,**

Keeping in mind our common interest about the future of our planet, Albania was engaged in the 20<sup>th</sup> session of Lima's Conference of the Parties (COP20) to determine the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) answering positively to the appeals and calls of the Framework Convention of United Nations on Climate Change addressed to the Parties.

Albania is in a unique position regarding the low emission of greenhouse gases, because its sector producing electric power is totally decarbonized and close to 1/3 of primary energy production is based on renewable energy. Actually, in Albania the greenhouse gases emission reaches 1.4 tons per capita.

But regardless of these advantages, Albanian authorities approved, passed and delivered INDC-në within the deadlines set by the Convention. The National Contribution will produce a direct impact on reviewing the development of various sectors of economy and will determine the decarbonizing as a new way of growth.

Albania as a European Union Candidate Country, serving the best interest of reaching a global Agreement, will make maximal efforts to meet the objectives set in the INDC about a Sustainable Development. Also the Albanian institutions, in compliance to the European Union policies, are working to prepare the national strategy on climate changes, the national plan of adapting and the proper legislation in this field.

Hoping that Albania's INDC, although a modest one, will contribute to reach a new, inclusive and long-term Agreement during the holding of this Conference, please rest assured that the integration of climate changes in the planet and the strategies of the main sectors of my country's economy has already become part of the Albanian institutions' agenda.

Thank you !