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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the global community for entrusting us with the honor of hosting COP29. It is a privilege to welcome you all to Azerbaijan as we join forces in tackling one of the greatest challenges of our time.

Azerbaijan is fully committed to advancing climate action and achieving our national targets. Last year, we set an ambitious goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2050, compared to 1990 levels. We have also pledged to increase the share of renewable energy within our total installed electricity capacity to 30% by 2030, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Green energy zones established in Karabakh, Eastern Zangezur and Nakhchivan will directly lead to mitigation specifically in energy sector.

We are currently revising these targets through our updated NDC 3.0. This new submission will outline detailed strategies for reducing emissions across key industries, reinforcing our commitment to a net-zero carbon future.

We are also integrating climate considerations into national level strategies and policies. “Clean environment and green growth” is one of the priority out of total five under "Azerbaijan – 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development" approved by the President of Azerbaijan.

Moreover, Strategy for Socio-Economic development for 2022-2026 specifically envisages reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The actions under this strategy are fully aligned with international initiatives on climate change and its implementation will directly contribute to the fulfillment of our international commitments and achievement of our goals.

Apart from this, implementing robust measures to enhance energy efficiency, transition to low-emission transportation, adopt clean technologies in industry, improve waste management systems, and strengthen forest conservation are just few examples of actions.

Transparency remains a cornerstone of our climate action strategy. We have prepared our first Biennial Transparency Report, providing clear and reliable data on our progress. This report demonstrates Azerbaijan’s commitment to international climate agreements and underscores our dedication to accountability and trust-building.

As a country highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, adaptation is a top priority for us. Our newly developed National Adaptation Plan sets out comprehensive strategies to address key challenges, particularly in agriculture, water and coastal zone management, and disaster risk reduction. We are determined to build

resilience and protect our communities from the growing risks posed by climate change. In this context we established modern early warning system and continuously enhancing the coverage of this system in order to not to leave none behind.

While Azerbaijan is making significant progress in addressing climate change, we recognize that this is a global challenge that requires global solutions. We emphasize the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, which must guide our efforts, taking into account historical emissions and the differing capacities of countries to respond. We also acknowledge importance of adequate financial support and technology transfer which are essential to accelerate climate action.

Dear colleagues,

I would like to reaffirm Azerbaijan's strong commitment to collective climate action. We believe that through cooperation and shared ambition, we can build a resilient, low-carbon future that benefits all nations. Let us use COP29 as a platform for meaningful progress and lasting impact.

I thank you.