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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We express our gratitude to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the host country – United Arab Emirates for organizing this crucial gathering, where we collectively strive to shape the future of our planet.

Climate change is an existential threat that knows no borders, affecting nations large and small, developed and developing. As the impacts of climate change become increasingly evident, we acknowledge the necessity to unite our efforts, catalyze global cooperation, and ensure that our actions are aligned with the gravity of the situation.

Azerbaijan has embraced ambitious target - 35% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, measured against 1990 levels, in line with global scenarios to limit global warming to 1,5 degree Celsius. Moreover, we have updated our Nationally Determined Contributions this year, setting a longer-term target of 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Azerbaijan is fully committed to contributing to global efforts and actively engaged in mitigation activities. These include a significant

increase in the proportion of renewable energy sources within our total installed electricity capacity, targeting to achieve 30% by 2030. We are also implementing measures to enhance energy efficiency, transitioning to low-emission transportation, introducing innovative solutions in urban transport systems, adopting low-carbon clean technologies in industry, improving our waste management systems, and increasing our forests.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight that we are currently undertaking extensive post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction, and reintegration efforts in the liberated territories. These activities are based on climate-friendly, environmentally clean technologies, as well as "smart" and "green" approaches. We are determined to transform these territories into "Carbon Neutral" zone by 2050, marked by innovative approaches such as the establishment of "green energy" zones, sustainable agriculture, eco-friendly transport, smart cities, smart villages, and reforestation programs covering thousands of hectares of land.

While Azerbaijan is taking significant steps to address climate change, we acknowledge that a global problem demands global solutions. We emphasize the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities which must be at the core of our actions, acknowledging historical emissions and the different capacities of nations to address climate change. We also acknowledge importance of adequate financial support and technology transfer which are essential to accelerate climate action.

Distinguished colleagues,

Azerbaijan is determined in its commitment to address climate change. Let us use this historic moment to put forward the ambitious commitments.

I am delighted to announce that there is an overall consensus on the candidacy of Azerbaijan to host COP 29. We are grateful to all countries, in particular Eastern European Group and the host United Arab Emirates, for their support. We are committed to working inclusively and collaboratively with everyone to ensure the success of COP 29.

May COP28 lead us toward a more sustainable and secure future for all.

Thank you for your attention.