

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

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## Statement on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the

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by

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Mr. Chair, Your excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address at the 27th Conference of Parties of UNFCCC here in Sharm El Sheikh. I would like to greet all of you and express great thanks to the UNFCCC Secretariat and to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Egypt for the excellent organization of the conference.

It is important to emphasize that we all came to Sharm El Sheikh with the same concern on Climate issues that are happening all over the world. Our task is to act as better as we can to adapt to climate changes and to increase our ambitions on reduction of GHGs.

The region of SEE is sensitive, vulnerable, and affected by many negative impacts from the climate changes that cause loss of biodiversity, and all other negative consequences on human health and the environment.

Bosnia and Herzegovina trying to actively participate in international initiatives and working on so many climate issues (air quality, energy efficiency, agriculture, waste management, water management, biodiversity, industry and other).

In that regards we are very much appreciating to all donors: European Union, Kingdom of Sweden, the USA, Federal Republic of Germany, and other countries, as well as Global Environment Facility, Global Climate Fund, and Implementing Agencies, for the great support providing us.

This is a good opportunity to inform you that we are finishing the process of the adoption of a countrywide Environmental Strategy with action plan 2030+ with support from the Stockholm Environmental Institute.

Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted its updated NDC. The Government has just adopted the National Adaptation plan and we are expecting to adopt the revised Climate Change Adaptation and Low-Emission Development Strategy in next days. So, we are trying to fulfil all our international obligations in climate changes issues. However, the implementation of all strategic documents and plans depends on strong international support.

Last but not least, supporting all activities of the EU at this COP I would like to thank one more time to the Secretariat of UNFCCC for significant efforts during these years to establish a legal framework to cope with climate changes.

Thank you very much.