



NATIONAL STATEMENT

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Environment**

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Excellency President

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

1. The Cambodian delegation appreciates the Republic of Azerbaijan and the UNFCCC Secretariat for hosting the 29th UN Climate Change Conference here in the beautiful city of Baku.
2. Cambodia is strongly committed to both national and international efforts to meet the targets set forth in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Although Cambodia is a low greenhouse gas emitter country, it faces dire risk from climate-induced impacts such as flooding, heatwaves, land degradation, and heightened vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change.

3. In response to the global climate crisis, Cambodia has set high ambitious pledges in the 2020 Updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and is committed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In support of a holistic approach for the Paris Agreement implementation, the Circular Strategy for Environment 2023-2028 has streamlined the climate agenda into Cambodia's Sustainable Development Goals and other national development priorities.
4. I am very pleased to share with conference that we are running an anti-plastic campaign with more than 9.7 million people from all walk of life, more than half of the whole population, participated in committing not to use plastic bag and to clean up plastic waste from public area. In parallel, we also run a campaign to "Green Cambodia" by starting to plant over one million trees on the first year and increase annually to expand forest cover towards carbon neutrality by 2050.
5. Cambodia has also adopted a new Article 6 Operation Manual and is actively working to expand carbon market opportunities in six sectors of energy, industry, solvent, agriculture, forestry and waste.

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6. There is an urgent need for bold action for all but must ensure climate finance to implement NDC and Long-Term Strategies for Parties under LDC and SIDS categories.
7. We call upon the developed country Parties and the highest emitters to enhance their financial commitments while establishing ambitious targets that exceed USD 100 billion per year. Furthermore, a simplified modality for direct access to the Green Climate Fund should be operationalized.
8. The world is looking forward to hearing the concrete results at this COP29 that will deliver to Parties to ensure sustainable economic development and social safeguard for communities suffering from and relentlessly fighting against the climate crisis.

Thank you.