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**Speaking notes
H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**

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COP President's remarks – 8 December 2023 – 10am Plenary

- Colleagues, I think we can all agree this COP has been different. And it has **already made history**.
- Together, we have built an unprecedented level of momentum.
- We achieved consensus on the first day with loss and damage and I believe we can achieve consensus again... on all of the agenda.
- In the next few days, we have the potential to **deliver a paradigm shift led by the science...** that can keep 1.5 degrees within reach.
- We have the opportunity to redefine global economies and our future -- and put the most vulnerable in the center of climate action.
- As a result of your efforts, COP28 is already sending a **clear signal** that all of us – small and large – can make a difference.
- Let us build on that success for an unprecedented outcome in the Global Stocktake decision and in all the other mandates.
- Together, we have **surprised** the doubters - and **inspired** the optimists.
- By working together, we can help sustain our planet.
- I believe this spirit of unity and solidarity will get us over the line.
- Let this COP be remembered as the COP that brought the world together - **a COP that Changed the Game**.
- Let's please get the job done.
- [Presentation of reports of SB Chairs]
- I would like to express my deep appreciation to Harry and Nabeel for their dedication and leadership in successfully guiding the work of the SBSTA and the SBI during this year.
- Under their stewardship, the subsidiary bodies have achieved ambitious outcomes, that we will present for adoption by the Governing Bodies.
- I also wish to thank them for their support of the Presidency of ensuring the effective management and transition of the work from the subsidiary bodies to the governing bodies.
- Colleagues, the decisions recommended by the SBSTA and the SBI will be presented for adoption at our closing plenary.
- I invite the COP to turn to sub-item **2(f): organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies**.



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- Dear colleagues, I shall now outline **how I propose to organize work during the second week of the conference** so that we accelerate and complete outstanding issues in the next 5 days and bring the conference to a successful close by 11:00am on the morning of December 12th.
- As I announced at the informal plenary, after the closing of the subsidiary bodies on Wednesday night, I propose to organize work using a tailored approach to conclude all outstanding elements... recognizing that some need more discussion and others require focused political engagement to find an overall balanced and comprehensive way forward.
- I have invited pairs of Ministers to lead consultations on my behalf on outstanding **issues that will benefit from political guidance**.
- I am also inviting senior negotiators to conduct consultations on my behalf on outstanding **technical work** relating to items under the governing bodies, as well as on specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies.
- Work that was launched under the governing bodies at their opening plenaries will continue over the coming days.
- I expect the ministerial consultations to provide the COP28 Presidency with support to advance areas of convergence on the GST and to ensure coherence with other outstanding issues.
 - Consultations on cross-cutting issues under the **GST** will be convened by **H.E. Barbara Creecy** and **H.E. Dan Jorgensen**.
 - Consultations on issues related to **mitigation** will be convened by **H.E. Grace Fu** and **H.E. Espen Barth Eide**.
 - Consultations on issues related to **adaptation** will be convened by **H.E. Maisa Rojas** and **H.E. Jennifer McAllister**.
 - And consultations on issues related to **means of implementation** will be convened by **H.E. Yasmine Fouad** and **H.E. Steven Guilbeault**.
- These pairs of Ministers have been assisting me over the past few months by conducting political consultations to better understand the key issues across the different thematic areas.
- I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for their continued support.
- They will begin consultations today and will report back to me tomorrow evening on the successful outcome of their work.
- In addition, I have asked **Joseph Teo (Singapore)** and **Alison Campbell (United Kingdom)** to prepare a third iteration of the building blocks, taking into account the views and submissions provided by Parties on the second iteration. I have asked them to make this text available today to Parties.
- My Presidency team will convene a meeting of Heads of Delegation later today, following the publication of this third iteration, to hear your views.



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- Regarding other **outstanding technical work** relating to items under the governing bodies, as well as on specific issues forwarded from the subsidiary bodies, allow me to outline the organization of work going forward.
- On the mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, I have asked **Carlos Fuller (Belize)** and **Kay Harrison (New Zealand)** to conduct consultations on my behalf in order to conclude work on this item.
- On the global goal on adaptation, I have asked the **SB Chairs Harry Vreuls (Netherlands) and Nabeel Munir (Pakistan)** to conduct consultations with groups and Parties on specific issues within the global goal on adaptation.
- On the Just Transition work programme, I have asked **Marianne Karlsen (Norway)** and **Simon Cardy (South-Africa)** to conduct consultations on my behalf, under the guidance of the SB Chairs in order to conclude work on this item.
- On matters related to Article 6, I have asked:
 - **Maria Jishi (Saudi Arabia)** and **Peer Stiansen (Norway)** to conclude work on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6.2,
 - **Sonam Tashi (Bhutan)** and **Kate Hancock (Australia)** to conclude work on rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6.4, and
 - **Kristin Qui (Trinidad and Tobago)** and **Jacqui Ruesga (New Zealand)** to conclude work on the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6.8.
- Regarding response measures, I have asked **Andrei Marcu (Honduras)** and **Georg Børsting (Norway)** to conclude work on the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement.
- Regarding reporting and review pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: provision of financial and technical support to developing country Parties for reporting and capacity-building I have asked **Julia Gardiner (Australia)** and **Sandra Motshwanedi (South Africa)** to conclude work.
- I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to these colleagues for accepting this important responsibility.
- I expect all technical work to conclude by **3pm on Saturday, December 9.**
- I strongly encourage Parties to use all available methods to make progress to complete the technical work.
 - Information on status of all work will continue to be made available in the Daily Programme and on CCTV.



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- Dear colleagues,
- I will convene an informal stocktaking plenary tomorrow evening to provide an overview of progress across all consultations.
- I intend to make use of an open-ended single setting **“Majlis”** at the Ministerial and Head of Delegation levels, to bring together the different outcomes to strike the right balance.
- This single setting group will begin on Sunday, December 10th and will be referred to as a **“Majlis,”** which is an Arabic term used to refer to a **council or a special gathering.**
- More information on the convening of the **Majlis** will be provided in due course.

- **I hope this approach to the organization of work is agreeable.**
- **Hearing no objections, it is so decided.**
- [seek approval of the approach by the CMP and CMA]
- [procedural notes to close plenary]