

**COP30 Global Climate Action High-Level Closing Event: “Connecting Solutions and Accelerating Implementation Actions”**

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**Remarks by the Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland:**

Thank you so much, excellencies and distinguished delegates, can I start by taking this opportunity to thank the High Level Champions and the COP presidency for their approach to the Global Climate Action Agenda this year.

This has already been an inspiring session, and I thank you and all the people involved with it, because it shows the action that is actually happening on the ground. The transition, as my colleague said, is unstoppable and I congratulate everyone involved in that.

But I know I speak for the room when I say that we are both aware and proud of the progress we have made but conscious of the further progress we have to make, and that’s what I want to concentrate on.

First, the Plans to Accelerate Solutions are powerful tools to help drive the action we need and the UK has been pleased to have been involved in several of these: scaling clean energy, driving industrial decarbonisation, mobilising finance, strengthening resilience and forests and all part, I think, of the five-year vision.

Second, though, as we look to take our work forward, the Action Agenda and the negotiations must work hand in hand and perhaps nowhere have we seen as much momentum as on the transition away from fossil fuels and towards clean energy. The COP30 Action Agenda has given a platform to demonstrate the power of global partnerships such as the Powering Past Coal Alliance and the Green Grids Initiative to accelerate action and show this transition is right for energy security, good jobs and growth as well as climate.

Now we have heard a very, very powerful call from President Lula and Marina Silva on the Roadmap on the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels and what we have seen at this COP is that momentum grow in the course of the last few days. Global North, Global South. 82 countries across the world endorsing this call and I look forward to the Presidency recognising this in the conclusions from the COP, so we can work together to ensure this is a just, orderly and fair transition, recognising the challenges that must be overcome.

The final point I would make is this. I think all of us in the next few days have a responsibility to raise our sights, to prove that multilateralism can still work for the benefit of all of our peoples, to show that we don’t want to let each other sink or swim but we want to join together.

From the point of view of the UK, I endorse the Action Agenda, the brilliant work that you have done and I express our determination to work together for a high-level ambition at this COP. Thank you so much.