

Excellencies.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Much is being said and written about the time we are currently living in.

A time of conflict and competition.

Where new wars are testing us, while old conflicts continue to create despair for millions of civilians around the world.

Where global tensions are reaching new highs while inflation, poverty, food shortage remain unsolved challenges.

And in the midst of all this division, we are facing the biggest common challenge we have yet seen – climate change.

A challenge that no country or continent can face alone.

The easy thing would be to give up. To put off the difficult decisions. Because it requires too much.

That can never be our answer.

Therefore. We need to take upon us the responsibility. Show what we are capable of. How we can turn things around. When we choose to work together.

And the developed countries and the biggest emitters have to lead the way.

No country in the world have the right to say: “We are doing enough.”

That also goes for my own country.

We **need** to do more.

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At COP28 Denmark has three focus points:

We are working for an agreement to phase out fossil fuels.

Global targets to triple renewable energy and double energy efficiency.

And we need to do more for those countries that are hit the hardest by climate change.

Particularly on their access to financing. That is a key pillar on climate action.

That is why we contribute to mobilise more than 1 per cent of the 100 billion dollar pledge.

And that is why Denmark welcomes the Abu Dhabi agreement on loss and damage.

We are ready to contribute 25 million dollars to the new fund.

And another 25 million dollars to other loss and damage activities.

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Now, allow me to share a few words on behalf of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

The Faroe Islands are a seafaring nation.

We need to expand the efforts for energy transition in the maritime sector to include fishing vessels.

Communities in Greenland experience some of the worst effects of climate change. Even though they have contributed the least.

In the Arctic climate change is happening four times faster.

On behalf of the people of Greenland, including the Inuit people.

Let us act.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

COP28 is our chance to act. To keep the 1.5 degree target alive. And secure a livable planet for generations to come.

We need to do more.

Thank you.