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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Let me first thank our Brazilian hosts for all your hospitality and your leadership. Climate change and other global environmental crises cannot be solved without all of us working together.

In the ten years since the Paris Agreement was adopted, we have made a lot of progress. But the science is clear – much more is needed for keeping the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees. What the world expects from us in Belem is a clear message that we stand firm behind the goals of the Paris Agreement. We cannot let the 1.5 degrees goal slip away for good. Every fragment of a degree matters, every action and every actor matters.

The only way that we can keep the 1.5 degrees goal alive is to rapidly move ahead with the transition away from fossil fuels. This is something we jointly agreed to do two years ago in Dubai. Major emitters need to lead the way. Affordable alternatives exist, and they have many co-benefits too.

My country, Finland, is strongly committed to urgent and science-based climate action. In addition to our joint NDC with the EU and all its Member States, Finland has set one of the world's most ambitious national targets: to reach carbon neutrality by 2035 and carbon negativity soon thereafter. Our path towards a carbon neutral economy is based on three pillars: rapid emission reductions, strengthening carbon sinks, and investing in innovation.

Clean energy transition is actually Finland's success story. The Finnish power sector is almost carbon free as the renewables and nuclear power constitute already more than 95 % of the total electricity production. Clean energy solutions have also helped us to break away from Russian fossil energy imports, create sustainable growth and well-being, and improve our comprehensive security.

We cannot succeed without significant investments in research, innovation, and clean technology. Finnish companies have expertise in smart and clean solutions, including in the fields of energy, mobility, logistics, mining and built environment. Many of these solutions are presented here in Belém in our pavilion. We believe that climate action and growth go hand in hand. Investment for climate is also the growth and prosperity plan for this century.

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Paris agreement gave us the global goal on adaptation. Here in Belém, we want to agree on a set of adaptation indicators. These indicators will help us in preparing adaptation plans and in tracking progress in adaptation action and resilience in our countries. I look forward to having these indicators agreed at COP30.

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In times of uncertainty and accelerating change we must work together, build trust between the nations and communities, and commit to a shared responsibility for the planet and people. COP30 must send a clear message that the green transition is here to stay and that fossil fuels have no future. Ten years after Paris, let us make sure Belém will be remembered as a success too.

Thank you.