



## **Statement of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to the Federative Republic of Brazil for its leadership in hosting COP30, and to commend the COP Presidency for its tireless efforts to advance dialogue, cooperation, and collective ambition.

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), whose Member Countries hold nearly 70% of the world's natural gas reserves and supply almost half of global gas demand. Natural gas is an essential energy source that drives socio-economic development, powers industries, and improves lives across the world.

Natural gas is indispensable to achieving just, orderly, and inclusive energy transitions. It complements renewables, enables coal-to-gas switching, underpins hydrogen production, powers data centres, and supports industrial innovation. With proven pathways for decarbonisation, natural gas serves as a reliable partner in global climate action.

GECF Member Countries are committed to ensuring energy security, affordability, and sustainability, while advancing their nationally

determined efforts to decarbonise the gas value chain, in line with their national circumstances, capabilities and priorities.

Yet these efforts must not be constrained by unilateral measures or externally imposed regulations that fall outside the multilateral process and are inconsistent with the Paris Agreement. Such actions risk fragmenting cooperation, distorting markets, and undermining trust in the multilateral climate framework.

The GECF reaffirms that the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement remain the only legitimate platforms for collective climate action, guided by the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

We stand ready to work with all partners to accelerate innovation, expand access to finance and technology, and promote fair and balanced solutions that ensure universal access to energy and truly leave no one behind.

Thank you.