Your excellency,
Dear colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen!

It is a great honor to deliver a speech, here in Antalya, in front of 2026 UN Climate Change Conference participants and world leaders.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the president of the Republic of Turkey, his excellency, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Turkish government for hosting us at this splendid and bio-diversly rich city of Antalya, for distinguished hospitality and efforts in organizing COP31 at such high level.

Also, I would like to thank the President of COP31, his excellency Mr. Murat Kurum, the government of Australia, and the president of the COP31 negotiations, Chris Bowen for successful preparation and efforts dedicated to this conference.

We would like to express our condolences to President Erdogan and Turkish people on recent explosion event in Izmir. In this time of trial, our thoughts are with each affected family.

We are here together, when the impact of the climate change on every region of the world, developing or developed countries, is becoming more sever, frequent and obvious.

Georgia and Turkey, as neighbors and strategic partners, face climate change related challenges- including, increasing risks of floods and need for adaptation policy. This process reminds us of and calls for enhancing regional cooperation and increases the importance of resilience to the climate change.

The climate change is directly linked to international security, economic stability, energy and food safety. It threatens not only infrastructure, ecosystems and economic development, but also the most valuable- human life and their health.

Georgia acknowledges this global challenge to the full extent. Our country is distinguished with unique natural landscape and biodiversity; however, it is vulnerable to climate risks.

The climate change is a considerable global threat, but at the same time it is an opportunity to strengthen international solidarity, join efforts and improve coordination to build safe future. The road to achieving limitation of global warming to 1.5 degrees shall be based on cooperation and mutual trust.

Unfortunately, modern green geopolitical processes cause significant threat to these fundamental values, what makes us question the trajectory of development of human beings, and what kind of future we would like our future generations to inherit.

Georgia continues to support peace, stability and constructive dialogue on regional, as well as international levels. Our government confirms its readiness to closely cooperate with international partners and contribute to all global initiatives, which are addressed to ecological stability and improvement of the environment.

Our goal is to dedicate our efforts to strengthening national adaptation policy, to support decreasing emissions, to increase climate funding and ensure that Paris Agreement yields actual results.

Only with joint, coordinated and responsible steps we can build stronger society, resilient economies and safe future for our children.

Thank you for your attention!