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National Statement

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Es gilt das gesprochene Wort.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again, we faced record-high temperatures this year.

Once again, we experienced floods, fires and droughts.

And once again, we are confronted with a fossil fuel crisis.

We are out of time for another “once again”. We are close to passing the **1.5 degree limit**. We are all feeling the impacts of climate change.

Every **tenth of a degree** matters. It saves lives, protects nature and secures our economy. Let us work together to quickly close the **gap to 1.5 degrees**. Let us harness the **opportunities** this brings.

There is one answer to both the climate AND energy crisis: we must end our dependence on fossil fuels.

Germany and the EU are on this path with many countries around the world. We aim to be **climate-neutral by 2045**. We have presented our roadmap for **transitioning away from fossil fuels**.

Germany is going electric. We stand by our national coal phase-out. We are **expanding renewables** much faster. **Almost 60 percent of our electricity** comes from renewables. This is active climate, economic and security policy rolled into one.

The future is renewable and electric. The COP must send the clear message, also to the private sector, that it pays to invest in the **technologies of the future** and the energy goals of COP28.

Germany supports the global drive towards **electrification** and an electrification rate of 35 percent by 2035.

Four other issues are key for me:

First, we need a **stronger Mitigation Work Programme** and an effective **Just Transition Mechanism**.

Second, Germany will keep contributing its fair share to international **climate finance**. In 2025, we gave around 11 billion euros.

We expect **strong emerging economies** to also show solidarity and contribute more.

Third, this year has again shown how important it is that we learn to **adapt** to the impacts of climate change. We must support the most vulnerable partner countries **in these efforts**. The transition of the **Adaptation Fund** to the Paris Agreement is very important to us.

Also at national level, funding measures for adaptation and resilience is a priority for us. We have already achieved a balance in our public climate finance: 50 percent for adaptation and 50 percent for mitigation.

And last, but definitely not least, climate policy must continue to be based on **science** – with the **IPCC** at its core. We need the full Seventh Assessment Report before the **Second Global Stocktake**.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Solutions exist. We must put them into practice together. COP31 is the right time and place to do just that.