# NATIONAL STATEMENT: INDIA (18/11/2026)

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

I thank Türkiye for the excellent arrangements, and Türkiye and Australia for their leadership.

In these challenging times, the COP-31 theme — **Dialogue, Consensus and Action** — is a timely call for honest dialogue, equity-based consensus and urgent action.

Successive COPs have called for science-based approaches, enhanced ambition and means of implementation. The prospect of a 1.5°C exceedance is also in focus.

Friends, science is based on 'cause and effect'. Our planet is warmer today. The cause is the industrialisation and economic growth **of some**, fuelled over two Centuries by unabated greenhouse gas emissions. To now expect the **Global South** to bear the burden of addressing the consequences of THEIR past actions, in the name of 'HIGHER AMBITION', is unjustified.

**Excellencies**,

Developing countries cannot be asked to choose between climate action and the legitimate right to development, to decent living standards,

health and education. Equitable access to the **remaining, depleted**, carbon budget is NON-NEGOTIABLE.

The COP's decisions, and actions thereafter, should be rooted in Equity and CBDR-RC. The Mitigation Work Programme must remain facilitative and non-prescriptive. GST is, and should remain, an instrument for informing Parties. The Just Transition Mechanism must be firmly anchored in equity. Unilateral trade measures must not penalise developing countries under the guise of climate action. The developed world MUST honestly and expeditiously discharge their climate-finance obligations.

**Excellencies,**

Under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, India has declared its next NDCs, aligning them with the goal of achieving 'Viksit Bharat', i.e. Developed India by 2047 in a sustainable way.

India's growth is a rising tide that can also lift other developing countries. Constructive cooperation on trans-boundary water flows can promote shared progress and prosperity. However, climatic and demographic changes, as well as technological advancements are important elements that cannot be ignored. Contemporary cooperation can neither be based on archaic mechanisms nor be divorced from the broader environment in which countries engage with one another.

Success at Antalya must be measured by implementation, resources reaching those who need them, and proven solutions being scaled up.

Let dialogue build trust, consensus uphold equity and action deliver climate justice.

**Thank you, Jai Hind.**