



State of Kuwait

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Your Excellency Ambassador/ André Corrêa do Lago - President of the 30th Conference of the Parties.

Mr. Simon Stiell - Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Peace, Mercy, and Blessings of Allah be upon you.

At the inception, I would like to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Federative Republic of Brazil for hosting the 30th Conference of the Parties. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency the Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, on his election as President of this Conference.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 30th Conference of the Parties takes place at an exceptional time, coinciding with the submission by member states of their third national contributions to

implement the provisions of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, building on the success of last year's Baku conference, which adopted guiding methodologies and laws for the elements of Article 6 of the Paris Climate Agreement. This reflects the international community's recognition of the need to combat climate change and its adverse effects on both human and natural systems on Earth.

What is happening in the world today, from natural disasters to the increasing effects of climate change, as a result of rising temperatures, necessitates that we make greater international efforts to confront the phenomenon of climate change and accelerate the adoption of appropriate and applicable decisions to protect vulnerable people and countries from the dangers of global climate change, in particular, countries covered by paragraph 8 of Article IV of the Framework Convention on Climate Change, taking into account their historical responsibility for emissions contributing to global warming, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities for addressing the climate system, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The State of Kuwait is considerably exposed to extreme weather conditions, including a sharp rise in temperatures and changes in rainfall patterns. In addition, the State of Kuwait is affected by sand and dust storms throughout the year, which negatively impact environmental, health, and economic aspects, and drain financial and human resources to adapt to these negative effects due to global climate change.

Despite the effects of climate change that the State of Kuwait is experiencing, it is striving, within its national circumstances and available resources, to establish ambitious projects in which it participates with the international community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to preparing national programs to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, the State of Kuwait is currently working on preparing a national roadmap to implement its commitments to strive for carbon neutrality by 2060, in line with the directives of His Highness the Emir and His Highness the Crown Prince, May Allah protect them, and in

implementation of environmental commitments at the local, regional and international levels.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 30th Conference of the Parties marks a significant turning point in the history of the Conference, particularly in the context of the Paris Agreement. The success of the Paris Climate Agreement depends on flexibility, balance, fairness, and consideration of the differentiation between developing and developed countries in implementing the guiding principles of the Paris Agreement, striking a balance between greenhouse gas mitigation activities, the measures to adapt to the negative effects of this phenomenon, and the need to find ways to ensure financial funding, technology transfer, and capacity building for developing countries. We should also consider the general principles of the Framework Convention on Climate Change. Among the most important of these are the principles of shared responsibility with varying burdens and capabilities, as well as the right of developing countries to move forward with their development plans.

In conclusion, I reiterate my gratitude and appreciation to the Federative Republic of Brazil, its government, and its people, for hosting the conference. I hope that this conference will culminate in decisions and results that are applicable and beneficial to all nations.

Thank you.