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**National Statement  
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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates  
Ladies and Gentlemen

First, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Government of Chile and the Kingdom of Spain for their flexibility and their utmost effort to welcome all of us here in Madrid. To be completely honest, I did not think it possible to organize an event like this on such short notice, but you made the impossible possible. Thank you and your team for making COP twenty five happen. Now it is on us to make it a success!

This year two alarming IPCC special reports were published and spoke a language clearer than ever. The special report on Climate change and Land as well as the special report on the oceans and the cryosphere came up with truly galvanizing conclusions. Again, science shows us the urgency to act immediately! The clock in the COP twenty five logo shows fifteen seconds before twelve and the clock is ticking. Science shows us what needs to be done but it is on us to take the steps necessary.

In Liechtenstein we believe that empowering our youth is the way to go. Therefore, we initiated a three year project for school children and another one for teenagers during their apprenticeship. Both projects started last month and are led by a private foundation. The education project "Energy and Climate Pioneers" encourages schoolchildren to discover their possibilities to act and become active for climate protection and saving energy by undertaking project work in their classes. Another project is the myclimate Energy and Climate Workshop, a national project competition for students and trainees. Foresight and innovation regarding climate protection and energy efficiency are in high demand.

In September this year on the occasion of the UN General Assembly, Liechtenstein joined the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP). The goal of this initiative is to make one billion people safer from disasters by creating a new partnership to greatly expand early action financing and improve early warning systems and the capacity to act on the risks they identify. This will save lives, protect livelihoods and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of response. In addition, we communicated the contribution of Liechtenstein to the replenishment of the Green Climate Fund a few months ago.

Next year the Liechtenstein government plans to release its long term climate strategy. Dear Sirs and Madams I assure you that we will not only continue but intensify our commitment to tackle climate change. Liechtenstein is committed to contribute its fair share to the international endeavours. Our Energy strategy 2030 is in preparation along with our Energy vision for 2050, which both will be presented to the public, early next year as well. With these national commitments we are on the road to reach Paris. It is indeed a time for action. There is not much time left!

Thank you!