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MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVERS FROM THE INCOMING COP31 PRESIDENCY AND PRESIDENCY OF NEGOTIATIONS

Appointment of Ministerial pairs by the incoming COP31 President-Designate and COP31 President of Negotiations

I am pleased to convey to Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations system and specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, and intergovernmental and non- governmental organizations admitted as observers, and other non-Party stakeholders, a message from the incoming COP31 Presidency and COP31 Presidency of Negotiations regarding the appointment of Ministerial co-facilitators by the incoming COP31 President-Designate and COP31 President of Negotiations.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as United Nations system and specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers and other non-Party stakeholders.



Annex

Message from the incoming COP31 Presidency and Presidency of Negotiations on the Appointment of Ministerial pairs by the incoming COP31 President-Designate and COP31 President of Negotiations

The Pre-COP Ministerial meeting in Fiji (7- 8 October) provided a clear sense of political will and ambition to deliver meaningful outcomes at COP31 across the negotiations.

High level engagement with Parties ahead of and during COP31 will be critical to building consensus and support for strong outcomes across the agenda as we urgently respond to climate change.

The incoming COP31 President-Designate and COP31 President of Negotiations have requested the support of Ministerial pairs to undertake informal consultations with Parties and negotiating groups on their behalf, ahead of COP31. The Ministerial pairs will undertake additional consultations at COP31, as required, following the conclusion of the Subsidiary Bodies.

The COP 31 President-Designate and COP31 President of Negotiations have the honour to indicate the following appointments.

Mitigation

- The Hon. Carsten Schneider, Federal Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- The Hon. Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India

Finance

- The Hon. Monique Barbut, Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity and International Negotiations on Climate and Nature, France
- Secretary Robert Borje, Vice Chairperson and Executive Director at Climate Change Commission, Philippines

Adaptation

- The Hon. Jiwoh Abdulai, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Sierra Leone
- The Rt Hon. Miatta Fahnbulleh, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, The United Kingdom

Just Transition:

- Her Excellency Alicia Barcena, Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico
- Mr Krzysztof Bolesta, Secretary of State for Climate and Environment, Poland

Recognising the critical role of the Ocean to climate action, the COP 31 President-Designate and COP 31 Presidency of Negotiations are further honoured to advise the appointment of a Ministerial Pair to assist them in collecting views from Parties and relevant stakeholders on elevating ocean-based climate solutions and ocean priorities at COP 31.



Ocean

- The Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada
- The Hon, Steven Victor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Palau

The incoming COP 31 President-Designate and COP 31 President of Negotiations expresses their appreciation for the support of the Ministerial pairs, and look forward to working with them, and with all Parties, groups and observers, to deliver ambitious, balanced and implementation-focused outcomes at COP31.

Additional Ministerial pairs may be appointed to support consultation on other issues, as required to support ministerial level discussions.