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Excellencies,

The Nordic Region has a common vision to become the most sustainable and integrated region by 2030.

This is a vision of a climate neutral Nordic society that is not just about emission reductions and technologies. We also share a vision about our health, food systems, cohesion, respect and inclusiveness of local communities and populations.

The Nordics have a special responsibility as we are well positioned to reach climate neutrality. However, we need to speed up the green transition. Here at COP28, we want to generate dialogues on what climate neutral societies look like and what solutions are needed and available today.

The Nordic countries are committed to reducing our carbon footprints. We are committed to increasing fossil-free and renewable energy significantly by 2030. We want a global phase-out of unabated fossil fuels and fossil fuel subsidies.

This year's COP has highlighted the role of healthy and sustainable food systems for climate action. The Nordics can contribute with our experience to ensure a shift to sustainable food systems that provide healthy food for all.

The transition towards climate neutral societies needs to be inclusive and just for all. We stand ready to work with you all and to catalyze and accelerate the change needed.

Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

Collaboration, and not division, is the key to meet and address the challenges of climate change.

Thank you very much for taking the time to listen. Let's work together!
