NATIONAL STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE H.E. MR. RECEP TAYYİP ERDOĞAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

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Distinguished Heads of States and Governments,

Esteemed Secretary-General,

I greet you with my heartfelt feelings on behalf of myself and my nation.

I would like to thank, starting with my dear brother, H.E. President ILHAM ALIYEV, all the officials and the brotherly people of Azerbaijan for this successful organization and their sincere hospitality.

Türkiye is among the countries where the negative impacts of the climate crisis are felt most intensely.

We are transforming our key sectors to achieve our green development goals and our engagement for "net zero emissions by 2053".

Our efforts to implement the Green Finance Strategy and establish a National Green Taxonomy are underway.

We will soon submit our Climate Law draft, which includes the Emission Trading System, to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye for its promulgation.

Prior to the COP29, we submitted our Biennial Transparency Report and Long-Term Climate Strategy to the Secretariat.

We have initiated the implementation of our Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy Action Plans for the period 2024-2030.

We have increased the share of renewable energy in our total installed capacity to 59%.

With this rate, we rank fifth in Europe and eleventh in the world.

Our key priorities for the "net zero emission by 2053" targets are renewable energy, energy efficiency, and nuclear energy.

Our installed capacity of wind and solar energy which is equivalent to 31,000 megawatts will be increased to 120,000 megawatts by 2035.

In the field of nuclear energy, we are targeting to attain a capacity of 20,000 megawatts by 2050.

We are planning to offset 100 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions within the framework of our "National Energy Efficiency Action Plan" for the period 2024-2030.

We continue to encourage the use of our national electric vehicle, TOGG.

The "Zero Waste Initiative", which was launched under the auspices of my spouse H.E. Emine Erdoğan and rapidly became a global level project, has further strengthened our efforts to deal with the climate change.

We have reduced 5.9 million tons of greenhouse emissions since the start of this initiative.

We announced "Water Efficiency Campaign" for the efficient use of our water resources.

We have designated November 11 as our "National Afforestation Day" to plant millions of saplings every year.

Certainly, the economic cost of all these efforts is quite high.

I believe that a climate financing goal which particularly addresses the needs of developing countries will be agreed on in this Summit to make our joint global endeavor stronger and more effective.

Distinguished Participants,

To build a fair, sustainable, and environmental friendly world for our future generations, we adopted the "Pact for the Future" in the 79th General Assembly of the United Nations.

Today, while we are exchanging our views and opinions about creating a more just world for future generations, Israel's unlawful, immoral, and brutal attacks targeting the Palestinians and Lebanon continue unabated.

It is very unfortunate that the current Government in Israel carries on mass killing of children, women, and the elderly without any discrimination and causes massive environmental damage.

The soil and groundwater contaminated by Israel's attacks have already darkened the future of the children in Gaza.

We believe that those responsible for this grave humanitarian and environmental disaster should be held accountable before international tribunals.

Dear Friends...

We had announced our candidacy to host the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2026.

We thank those countries who backed our candidacy and expect the support of those who are still reviewing their decision.

With these thoughts, I extend my greetings to you all once again with respect and I wish to congratulate my dear brother, H.E. President Ilham Aliyev, wholeheartedly for the successful organization of this important summit.