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## MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER STATES

### From Vision to Reality: NDCs 3.0 – bending the curve

As we approach the end of 2024's first quarter, I write to you about the fundamental importance of your new third-generation national climate plans, or Nationally Determined Contributions 3.0, due early in 2025 – in just less than a year from now.

After a year of shattered heat records and mounting climate losses in all countries, I also take this opportunity to make a further, and crucial request: that you work in parallel to update 2030 targets where possible.

These 2030 targets – together with your new national climate plans with a time horizon to 2035 – will determine how protected your peoples, economies and national budgets will be from rapidly worsening climate impacts. As global decarbonization gathers pace, these plans will also determine which of the vast benefits of climate action will flow to your citizens, including more jobs, stronger economic growth and stability, less pollution, better health, and secure and affordable clean energy for all.

Crucially, your NDCs 3.0 and 2030 targets will collectively determine whether the world can get back on a global emissions trajectory in line with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5C this century, as required by science under the Paris Agreement, whilst also building the resilience for such a scenario.

In all respects, your NDCs 3.0 will be the most important climate documents produced so far this century in securing the safety and prosperity of your peoples.

Accordingly, and in keeping with the agreement adopted by all Parties at the COP 28 United Nations Climate Conference, I urge you to accelerate your efforts to produce ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors, and categories and aligned with limiting global heating to 1.5C as informed by the latest science, in the light of different national circumstances. NDCs 3.0 should also help to accelerate implementation of existing commitments and help unlock finance at scale.

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I urge all Parties to harness the momentum generated at COP28 in Dubai, particularly the decision on the global stocktake (GST), representing a significant stride forward in UN-convened cooperative global efforts. Our next urgent action item is to operationalise the outcomes of the GST and the Paris Agreement, and NDCs 3.0 are a cornerstone of this effort. In parallel, this year will need to deliver quantum leaps in the quality and quantity of climate finance – the great enabler of climate action, particularly for Parties in the developing world facing severe fiscal headwinds, and who have contributed least to the climate crisis.

As requested by the Parties at COP28, the United Nations Climate Change secretariat, including its regional collaboration centres, is working together with other United Nations bodies and relevant international organizations to provide capacity-building and support to prepare and communicate truly ambitious NDCs 3.0. Parties that wish to avail themselves of such support are invited to contact the secretariat by sending an email message to [NDC@unfccc.int](mailto:NDC@unfccc.int).

I look forward to working closely with all Parties to continue turning the vision of Paris into reality.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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