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Your Excellency,

Climate Action Network, would like to offer its sincere congratulations to all UN member states on the near-finalization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development following many months of intense negotiations.

As a worldwide network of over 950 Non-Governmental Organizations in nearly 100 countries working to promote action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels, we would like to highlight the importance of shifting to implementation of the SDGs, in order to achieve climate-resilient sustainable development, and to provide a strong political signal for a successful outcome at UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris this December.

CAN would also like to ask all Governments to give prominence in their Head of State speech at UNGA in September 2015 to the need for integrating climate action into national policy frameworks, including through the development and adoption of national plans towards phasing out fossil fuel emissions and adopting a pathway towards 100 % renewable energy and energy efficiency.

In order to ensure that COP 21 in Paris provides the political and economic signal for countries to be able to achieve the SDGs, Governments should take the opportunity to highlight the imperative of adopting a coherent long-term vision for climate mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation in the 2015 Paris Agreement. Key elements we encourage you to highlight include:

- A Long-Term Goal for the phase out of fossil fuel emissions and phase in of 100% renewable energy for all by 2050;
- Limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, as demanded by more than 100 vulnerable developing countries, in light of the severe climate risks

- Mechanisms which establish that at least every five years all signatories will put forward ambitious mitigation contributions and will review these in light of equity and the required global ambition;
- A Global Adaptation Goal that aims to build climate resilience for all people and communities, recognizing that rising temperatures will require greater adaptation efforts, as well as providing assurance that in the next years at least 50% of public international climate finance will be allocated for adaptation; Anchoring loss and damage and ensuring support for vulnerable developing countries;
- Clearly articulated commitments by developed countries and other countries with comparable levels of responsibility and capability to provide financial support to poor countries, through collective public finance support targets (separate for mitigation and adaptation) which are updated at least every five years based on identified needs;
- The establishment of a process to ensure that collective targets for the provision of support are set at least every five years, to which developed countries and countries with comparable levels of responsibility and capability to act should commit to contribute.

This global vision for achieving a low-carbon and climate resilient future should be complemented by urgent near-term action, such as a bridging of the pre-2020 emission gap, and provision of a clear roadmap by developed countries on how they will deliver on their commitment to mobilize \$100 billion annually of climate financing by 2020.

The Intended Nationally Determined Contributions announced over the course of this year also play a crucial role in putting countries on a sustainable development pathway. All countries need to make sure that their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions are in line with science and equity.

We trust that your nation's speech in New York this September will both highlight the actions taken by your country to combat climate change and set out a clear vision for a climate change proof future for all.

Yours sincerely,



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