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Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Mr. President,

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

APPRECIATION AND NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- We wish to express our sincere appreciation to His Excellency Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and His Excellency Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, President of COP30, for hosting this conference.

- Brunei Darussalam is a small nation of nearly half a million people, blessed with a vast coastline and rainforests covering over half of our land area. Our economy and the welfare of our people depend on our natural resources. This makes our commitment to balanced development – pursuing growth while upholding environmental stewardship – not just a choice, but a necessity.

- Climate change poses risks to our economy and our livelihoods. Our response must protect out national interests while building the sustainability and resilience to achieve our national vision, *Wawasan Brunei 2035*.

UPDATED CLIMATE COMMITMENT

- To realise this vision, Brunei Darussalam has updated its **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), committing to a 20 percent reduction in emissions relative to Business-as-Usual (BAU) levels by 2035**.

- This target is carefully calibrated to our national circumstances. As a small, developing, and fossil-fuel dependent nation, we are guided by the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities, and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC). We are determined to act within our means, guided by policies that safeguard our national security, ensure a just transition, strengthen our resilience, and advance global cooperation.

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S CLIMATE ACTION

- Brunei Darussalam aims to achieve its national climate target by **strengthening mitigation efforts across key sectors, including energy, industry, transport, forestry, and waste management**. Central to this effort is the expansion of renewable energy within the national energy mix, particularly solar and hydropower, and reducing emissions through greater efficiency and system optimisation.

- In parallel, Brunei Darussalam is **comprehensive reviewing our National Climate Change Policy (BNCCP)**. This review, informed by the best available science, will ensure our strategies remain robust, forward-looking, and fully aligned with our NDC and advances the nation towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient future.

- While Brunei contributes to only 0.02% of global emissions, we are still vulnerable to the disproportionate impacts of climate change. 2024 marked the hottest year on record for Brunei, with an annual mean temperature reaching 28.9°C. Our nation is already warmer and wetter, leading to more frequent flash floods, landslides, and forest fires that threaten lives and infrastructure. If unaddressed, these impacts could result in significant economic losses and pose a serious threat to our long-term stability and security.

- In response, we are finalising our **National Adaptation Plan (NAP) for submission** this year, aiming for full operationalisation by 2030. The NAP will serve as a strategic framework to guide coordinated adaptation actions, enhance resilience across vulnerable sectors, and ensure the nation is better equipped to address the growing risks posed by climate change.

- To ensure our NAP targets our most pressing threats, we have initiated a **National Climate Vulnerability Assessment (NCVA)** to better understand how our nation is exposed to and affected by changing climatic conditions.

- Furthermore, we have also launched the **National Disaster Management Strategic Policy Framework (DMSPF)**. This ensures a Whole-of-Nation approach, integrating climate adaptation with disaster risk reduction to strengthen our preparedness and resilience.

CALLS FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION AND ACCC LEADERSHIP

Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The world is in the midst of a transition to a multipolar one. The evolving geopolitical landscape, increased climate denialism from within, and calls for reform to the UNFCCC process are getting louder. **We cannot afford business-as-usual**. Not when larger emitters have withdrawn themselves from the Paris Agreement leaving a vacuum for climate leadership and climate action. And not when the global population needs us to act with greater urgency. We need to move faster, together. **Developed countries need to play a much greater role in climate leadership**, enhancing their ambitions and providing the much-needed resources for Developing country parties.

- Therefore, the realisation of Brunei Darussalam's climate mitigation and adaptation ambitions remains **conditional on accessible technologies and effective international cooperation.** Like many developing country Parties, our ability to fulfil our Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) **depends on the timely and adequate provision of Means of Implementation (MOI).**

- Under the Paris Agreement, developed countries have a clear responsibility to provide scaled-up and predictable support, through Finance, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building. This is not charity; it is a commitment to climate justice. **We want support, not pressure.**

- Climate change knows no borders; therefore, our actions must be collective, coordinated, and grounded in shared responsibility. In this spirit, we are pleased to share that, as of February 2025, the Establishment Agreement of the **ASEAN Centre for Climate Change** has been endorsed and signed by all ASEAN Member States, which will be hosted in Brunei Darussalam. The Centre, which is currently in the process of operationalisation, is envisioned to serve as a regional hub for policy coordination, knowledge exchange, and technical cooperation. It will be a catalyst for collaboration, strengthening ASEAN's collective resilience and driving our region towards a sustainable future.

- Through this initiative, ASEAN reaffirms its unity, solidarity, and shared resolve to confront the climate crisis together. The operationalisation of the Centre will mark a transformative step for the region, serving as a catalyst for collaboration among governments, the private sector, academia, and civil society to enhance resource mobilisation, knowledge sharing, and coordinated implementation of climate-resilient policies. By advancing research, capacity building, and targeted support for Member States, the Centre will help ensure a unified and effective regional

response to climate challenges and strengthen ASEAN's collective resilience towards a sustainable and low-carbon future.

- Brunei Darussalam welcomes the COP30 Presidency's Global Mutirão initiative and its **focus on engaging all of society, leaving no one behind**, and ensuring access for Developing country parties to MOI is available.

- We welcome the COP30 Presidency's Action Agenda, particularly its sixth pillar on **"Unleashing Enablers and Accelerators"**, which rightly prioritises Finance, Technology, and Capacity-Building as essential drivers to scale up global climate ambition and implementation.

- Furthermore, we endorse the Baku-to-Belem Roadmap to 1.3 Trillion Initiative and **call upon all Parties to swiftly and effectively agree on a climate finance roadmap** that will meet the needs of developing countries.

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Climate change is our shared responsibility and shared commitment. Brunei Darussalam remains steadfast in its commitment to the Paris Agreement and will continue to play its part in achieving its goals through strong global and regional cooperation.

- We welcome partnerships with all stakeholders to advance practical, inclusive, and forward-looking climate solutions that protect our people, preserve our planet, and promote shared prosperity for present and future generations.

- Lastly, we would like to thank the government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for its inclusive leadership and proactive cooperation and look forward to the just and effective outcomes of COP30.

Terima Kasih.