DEAR FRIENDS,

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE IEA AND THE UK PRESIDENCY OF THE COP-26 ON CO-ORGANIZING THIS SUMMIT, WHICH INNOVATES AND IS PART OF A BROADER EFFORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THIS YEAR.

2021 IS THE YEAR OF CLIMATE AND ENERGY TRANSITION. THERE IS COP-26, OF COURSE, AND ALSO THE UN HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY.

BRAZIL IS FULLY ENGAGED IN THESE EFFORTS.

WE UNDERSTAND ENERGY TRANSITION AS A FLEXIBLE PROCESS, THAT VARIES IN RHYTHM AND STAGE. THE SUCCESS OF ENERGY TRANSITION WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF ALL VIABLE TECHNOLOGIES AND SOURCES, ACCORDING TO THE REALITIES OF EACH COUNTRY, REGION AND LOCALITY.

ACCORDING TO THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE, THIS WILL REQUIRE:

- REINFORCED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES;
- SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR THE DESIGN OF POLICIES, REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS, AND NET ZERO SCENARIOS;
- INTENSIVE COOPERATION IN TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING,
- AND NEW TOOLS FOR FINANCING CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS, WHICH WILL ALSO DEMAND ADDITIONAL PROGRESS IN CARBON PRICING.

ONE EXAMPLE, BUT A VERY PRODUCTIVE ONE, IS THE FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BRAZIL IS DEVELOPING WITH THE IEA ITSELF.

IN 2020, WE WORKED TOGETHER WITH AGENCY EXPERTS TO IMPROVE DATA ON ENERGY INNOVATION INVESTMENT, TO ACCELERATE GAINS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND TO REINFORCE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE REFORMS IN THE POWER SECTOR AND THE DESIGN OF A NEW GAS MARKET IN BRAZIL, ONE OF OUR MAJOR RECENT BREAKTHROUGHS.

THESE ARE MY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, IN ORDER TO STIMULATE OUR PANEL.

IF WE HAVE SOME SPARE TIME, I WILL ADD WILL ADD BRIEF COMMENTS ON THE ROLE OF MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION.

THANK YOU