

Mr. President,
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan it is a great honor for me to address this gathering.

Tajikistan, as a **mountainous** landlocked country, forms about **sixty percent** of the water resources of Central Asia, and is the main location of regions' glaciers, where the bulk of the region's water resources are formed, thus playing an important role in ensuring sustainable development in the entire Central Asian region.

We over the recent years observe **rapid melting of glaciers**, dramatic **reduction of water resources**, increase of **mudflows** and **floods**, droughts and other natural disasters **induced by climate change**. This situation has been causing a significant **damage to our national economy** and severely undermines our efforts towards achieving **sustainable development**.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the proposal of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to **proclaim 2025 as the International Year for Glaciers Preservation**.

Tajikistan repeatedly appeals international community to create an **International Fund for Glaciers Preservation**, through which we could mobilize efforts and resources for practical steps to preserve glaciers - the most important source of fresh water in Central Asia.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The contribution of our country in terms of **GHG emissions** is minimal. Nevertheless, Tajikistan in its updated version of the Nationally Determined Contribution undertook enhanced **commitment to reduce GHG emissions within 60-70%, and within 50-60% with significant attraction of international assistance.**

This will mainly be achieved through the **development of hydropower** resources, the potential of which is enormous in the country. With the global community's new aspirations to achieve net zero ambition, **we commit to doubling our hydroelectric capacity by 2050.**

Additionally, to reduce emissions from the transport sector, we intend to accelerate the **transformation of the country's urban mobility**, implement **afforestation** programs to **increasing the carbon-capturing capacity of Tajikistan.**

Of course, without the **necessary resources, i.e. finance, capacity building and technology transfer**, the achievement of the assigned tasks can take many years. Therefore, for many developing countries, the proactive assistance of the international community is in great demand.

Given the national circumstances, Tajikistan would like to urge for **more focus on adaptation** measures, enhanced **accessibility** and clear delivery plan for **climate finance** for developing countries.

Distinguished delegates,

Tajikistan looks forward to working with the Presidency and our development partners to address urgent and long-term issues in a collaborative manner to achieve concrete and tangible results.

Thank you very much!