

Statement by His Excellency João Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, at the Climate Summit, COP 26.

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-Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government

-Your Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations

-Ladies, Gentlemen.

It is with great honor that I address the 26th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Republic of Angola considers climate change one of the greatest challenges facing humanity, due to the set of direct and indirect effects that they cause to the economic and social life of nations, a fact that constitutes a real challenge to development.

We embrace the cause of mangrove restoration and protection through a national campaign to replant mangrove seedlings along the extensive national coastline.

We favor the production and consumption of clean energy from existing hydroelectric dams and others to be built, as well as from renewable energy sources, with emphasis on photovoltaic energy production projects with solar parks that will reduce the consumption of fossil fuels in the production of electricity.

Currently, the national energy matrix already incorporates 62% of non-polluting energy sources, aiming to reach 70% by 2025.

We have just signed in Washington DC with ICCF and Conservation International, an agreement for the conservation of the Luengue-Luiana and Mavinga parks, for the protection of animal and plant wildlife and the development of sustainable international tourism.

We approved the National Strategy for Climate Change 2021-2035, aiming to achieve the goals set out in the Paris Agreement, as well as an important

environmental legislative package, containing the instruments that will enable a decisive contribution to the global effort to mitigate the causes and adapt Angola to the effects of climate change.

Angola is aligned with the international consensus on sustainable development, including Africa – 2063, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Excellencies,

Angola defined its Nationally Determined Contribution to reduce carbon intensity in the production of electricity in a horizon until 2025, and complementary actions in the field of sustainable management of forests, transport and agriculture.

Adaptation actions to improve climate resilience of our communities and protecting social and economic investments were also included.

We reiterate the firm commitment and determination of Angola to remain engaged in climate action, and to the adoption of a low-carbon development model.

Thank you