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Republic of Estonia, National Statement

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Your Excellency's, ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to start by thanking the Chilean COP 25 Presidency for their leadership and Spain for hosting the Conference. COP 25 is also called the Blue COP. The sea has always been part of Estonia's economy, life and soul.

The recent IPCC findings on oceans and cryosphere highlight the devastating impacts that climate change is having and will have on the seas, including our very own Baltic Sea.

At the same time it also stresses the opportunities that the seas can offer us, such as renewable energy along with creation of green jobs. In order to protect our oceans we need to protect our climate!

As a member of the European Union, Estonia is committed and determined to work towards climate neutrality in the EU by 2050.

To succeed, we need smart decisions today.



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Investments in innovation and research, digital solutions and green technologies will help us achieve the shift we seriously need.

Estonia is acting now by implementing policies and strategies that will lead us closer to the goals we agreed in Paris.

We work continuously with our national long-term strategy.

We see it as an opportunity to reshape our economy together with energy and transport system.

I would also like to highlight the importance of Non-state Actors. They are showing us that the global transition is within reach.

For example, our technology companies have recently signed a Tech Green Pledge with the ambition to be carbon neutral in their action by 2030.

This initiative has already spread around Estonia and beyond our borders, now covering more than 70 companies across Europe.

Our IT companies have great capabilities in developing green technologies. This market has considerable potential in finding solutions for green transition.

Dear colleagues,



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Estonia is determined to step towards green transition. But in order to reach climate-resilient future, we need to act together and achieve a successful outcome at COP 25!

Thank you