

**PALAVRAS DO MINISTRO DE ESTADO DE MINAS E ENERGIA, BENTO ALBUQUERQUE, POR  
OCASIÃO DA SESSÃO MINISTERIAL DO DIÁLOGO DE ALTO NÍVEL  
DAS NAÇÕES UNIDAS SOBRE ENERGIA**

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DEAR CO-CHAIRS, FELLOW MINISTERS AND FRIENDS.

THIS IS A SPECIAL YEAR FOR ENERGY TRANSITION.

AFTER VERY DIFFICULT TIMES, DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

IN THE ROAD AHEAD, WE HAVE THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ENERGY DISCUSSIONS AT THE G20, AND, OF COURSE, THE COP-26 IN THE END OF THE YEAR.

BRAZIL IS HONOURED TO SERVE AS A GLOBAL CHAMPION IN THIS DIALOGUE, AIMED TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG-7.

WE ARE READY TO DO OUR PART AND SHARE OUR DECADES-LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.

BRAZIL IS CONVICTED THAT ALL TECHNOLOGIES AND PATHWAYS TO A CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION ARE WELCOME AND NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

ENERGY TRANSITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL REALITIES. ALL VIABLE TECHNOLOGIES AND SOURCES WILL PLAY A ROLE, FROM MODERN BIOENERGY, HYDROPOWER, WIND, SOLAR AND NUCLEAR ENERGY, TO LOWER CARBON FOSSIL SOURCES, SUCH AS NATURAL GAS AS A TRANSITION FUEL.

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE, BRAZIL HAS DECIDED TO PUT FORWARD TWO ENERGY COMPACTS: ONE ON TRANSPORT BIOFUELS AND THE OTHER ON HYDROGEN.

IN THE CASE OF BIOFUELS, WE HAVE CONSOLIDATED EXPERIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. OUR COMPACT ON BIOFUELS REPRESENTS A VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub> EQUIVALENT IN 10 YEARS. THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO LOWER THE CARBON INTENSITY OF THE BRAZILIAN TRANSPORTATION MATRIX AND TO CONSOLIDATE OUR DOMESTIC CARBON MARKET FOR THE BIOFUELS SECTOR.

OUR SECOND COMPACT IS DEDICATED TO HYDROGEN. IT ESTABLISHES GOALS FOR BUDGET ALLOCATION TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE GENERATION. A RAPID CONSOLIDATION OF THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY IS UNDER WAY IN BRAZIL.

AS “ENERGY TRANSITION CHAMPION”, WE ARE ALSO WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE IEA AND IRENA FOR THEIR CONSTANT SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION.

AT HOME, WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO BRAZIL’S LARGEST ECONOMIC GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THIS EXERCISE. I MUST SAY WE HAVE HAD A PROMPT AND VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE.

MAJOR BRAZILIAN COMPANIES ARE MOVING FAST TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY. ITAIPU, FOR INSTANCE, ONE OF THE LARGEST HYDROPOWER PLANTS IN THE WORLD, IS PRESENTING AN ENERGY COMPACT, IN ASSOCIATION WITH U.N. DESA. AND OTHERS ARE PREPARING THEIR OWN VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS.

WE ARE ALSO PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ENSURING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO ENERGY. BRAZIL – A CONTINENTAL COUNTRY – HAS ALREADY DONE A MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS MATTER. WE HAVE RECENTLY STARTED OUR LAST MILE EFFORT WITH THE “MORE LIGHT FOR THE AMAZON” PROGRAMME. WE ARE DELIVERING RENEWABLE OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY TO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FAMILIES IN REMOTE AND ISOLATED AREAS OF THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON. IT IS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, WHICH COULD BE REPLICATED ABROAD.

DEAR FRIENDS,

THE LOW CARBON ENERGY TRANSITION IN A GLOBAL SCALE AFFECTS – AND WILL AFFECT EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE – PRODUCTION MODELS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT PATTERNS.

THIS MUST BE SEEN NOT AS A BURDEN, BUT AS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMIES, TO CREATE NEW JOBS, TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND INNOVATION, TO ADDRESS PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF OUR SOCIETIES.

AND, ABOVE ALL, AN OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER A BETTER AND SAFER WORLD TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

THANK YOU.