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Madam DSG,

We thank you for organizing this important briefing. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that we need to do more with regard to climate action. I would like to update you and the group on the Leadership Group for Industry Transition that was launched by Government of Sweden and India supported by World Economic Forum, at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in September 2019.

The Leadership Group is an initiative to drive climate transition in the energy intensive industry sectors. The Group is envisioned as a group of countries, companies, and other actors committed to enhance climate action and to support the implementation of NDCs of the countries. The purpose of the Leadership Group is to provide policy and decision support for industry transition roadmaps towards low carbon emissions, strengthen the implementation of Paris Agreement, enable collaboration for high-level dialogues, and facilitate sharing know-how, technologies and financing for transitions to strengthen NDCs. It seeks to complement and add value to existing initiatives from the private and public sectors on industry transitions.

Madam DSG,

With the assistance of Stockholm Environment Institute, which has been designated as secretariat for the initiative, a first working meeting for the Leadership Group members, WEF and other supporting partners was
arranged in Stockholm on 19th to 21st November 2019. In December, a minister level meeting for the Group was arranged at COP-25 in Madrid. In both the meetings, issues of governance structure and management of the Leadership Group, existing gaps in the climate actions of countries as indicated in the NDCs, workplan for the Group were discussed.

Building on this, a work program for the Leadership Group has been developed, focusing on key activities for 2020 and key deliverables to be presented and discussed at COP26. The leadership Group is proposing to work on three work streams, namely Partnerships for Change; Evidence for Action; and Industry Transition Roadmaps. The first work stream is to provide a partnership building including high level meetings, public-private cooperation. The second work stream area is to gather and share the knowledge and evidence that is needed for low carbon transitions. The third work stream is to support countries and industries to develop roadmaps for low-carbon industry transformation.

**Madam DSG,**

The leadership Group is also working to increase the membership of the Group. Similar efforts are being made to have more industries on board. So far, Sweden and India are joined in the Leadership Group by ten countries including Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, South Korea, Australia, and UK. Many industrial groups and airports have also joined the Leadership group.

The Group will strive to work with other organizations and existing initiatives including Energy Action Track initiatives. Denmark which is leading the Energy Track had also participated in the first working group meeting held in Stockholm in September 2019.

India and Sweden with the support of Stockholm Environment Institute are carrying forward the action plans and strategies of the Leadership Group.

I thank you.

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