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Subject: UNFCCC Climate Ambition Summit 2020

Briefly

In a five-hour thirty minutes Climate Ambition Summit 2020, at least seventy-four Parties to the Paris Agreement held an event of mixed live and recorded statements from the heads of governments or heads of states. This was held today, Saturday, at the five-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement, which was gavelled close to agreement by Minister Laurent Fabius, Foreign Minister of France, at 7:29 pm, also on a Saturday evening after over 70 hours of almost round-clock negotiations.

Alok Sharma (United Kingdom), incoming COP26 President: "The urgency of our times demanded [actions], for their sake, for our children and their future generations." He stated that "the coronavirus has shown us that [the world's] fates are intertwined," same as with climate change.

He asked two rhetorical questions.

1. Have we made progress under the Paris Agreement? Yes.
2. Have we done enough?

His answer to the second question was no, and he outlined four areas of urgency.

- Parties need to push towards step change in mitigation to well below 2 degrees towards 1.5 degrees: which needs to be enabled by completing negotiations of Article 6 and common timeframes for transparency to fully implement the Paris Agreement. "We need to halve our emissions in the next decade, and restore our natural ecosystems."
- Nations need adaptation and resilience in long-term development strategies of nations, a new initiative in COP discussion at COP26 Glasgow
- Nations must deliver long-term finance of \$100 billion per year as "an act of trust, an act of faith" – UK is doubling to GBP 11.6 billion, urged other donor nations to enhance their financing. The outcome of Glasgow must enable mobilizing private capital.
- UK will push for climate action to be on the agenda for all international collaboration negotiations in other channels, other venues.

Seventy-four Parties to the Paris Agreement gave statements. The governors of the U.S. states of Michigan (Gretchen Whitmer) and Massachusetts (Charlie Baker) spoke. The United States was not represented. The U.S. was also absent from the Climate Dialogues 2020 in early December.

Forty-five nations, mainly from the Alliance of Small Island States and low lying coastal states, have pledged to submit a second NDC in early 2021. The United Kingdom is committed to submit a second NDC in 2021 prior to COP26 Glasgow. #UNFCCC #COP #ClimateDialogues2020 #ClimateActionSummit2020

Details

The themes from today's summit repeat the same themes from the Climate Change Dialogues 2020 held 23 November to 4 December, which were organized primarily by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat (Bonn) and the United Kingdom. Therefore, I will only repeat a few of the themes and calls for actions from the United Kingdom (incoming CO26 Presidency), France (COP21 Presidency), and the Holy See, who was not present last month.

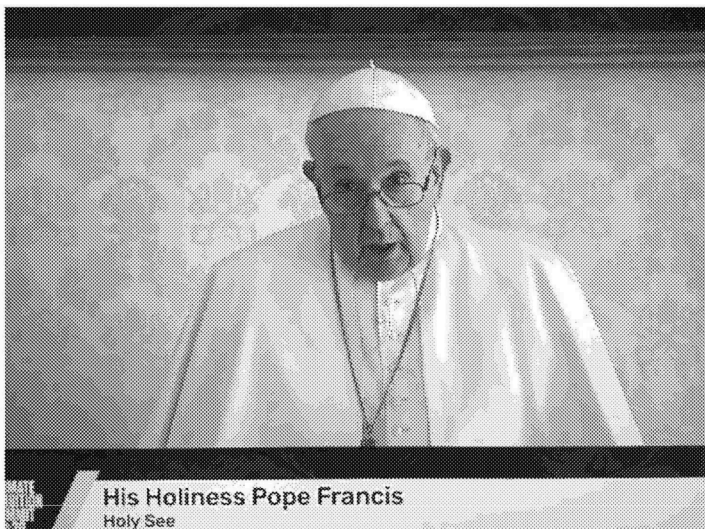
The arrangements of last month and this month echo the twenty-five years of Conference of Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC: the first sessions called the Climate Dialogues were dominated by statements and interventions from the professional diplomats and negotiators who focus on details. #ClimateDialogues2020 #COP #UNFCCC

Today's summit is like the usual High-Level Segment of the typical second week of COP, much abbreviated, but still pack in Heads of States or Heads of Government statements to set the political momentum for the COP26 Glasgow negotiations.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson (United Kingdom) highlighted how enormous change and transition is not only possible but has occurred in his own lifetime. As a six year old boy, the U.K. relied on 70% coal-fired power generation. Today, that is 4%.

President Emmanuel Macron (France) welcomed the U.S. President-elect Joseph Biden back to the climate change agreement and urged the private sector to be an important part of mobilizing the \$100 billion per year to aid developing nations.

Pope Francis (Holy See) stated that the current pandemic and climate change, which are not only environmentally relevant, but also ethically, socially, economically and politically, affect, above all, the lives of the poorest and most fragile." Pope Francis also said: "In addition to adopting some measures that cannot be postponed any longer, a strategy is needed to reduce net emissions to zero." He urged everyone to increase environmental management efforts and better use of natural resources, and plant more trees The Pope also committed the Vatican City to net-zero emissions by 2050, of which he is the head of state.



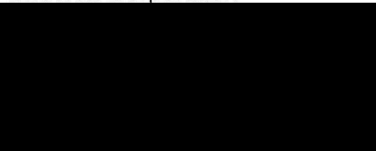
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