

A Call to Action For Prosperity and Competitiveness In a Low-Carbon World

Whereas all nations share a responsibility to promote sustainable economic growth and expand global prosperity; and whereas all nations share a responsibility to improve the quality of life, economic opportunity, and security for all men, women, and children; and whereas energy is fundamental to the achievement of these objectives:

- All nations should support efforts to promote affordable access to clean energy technologies, reliable energy supplies, and the financing and tools for sustainable development.
- All nations should invest in, and encourage the wide-scale adoption of cost-effective energy-efficient, environmentally benign technologies and practices.
- All nations should increase their investment in research and development to spur sustainable innovation and build up the capacity of people around the world to learn, create, and thrive.
- All nations should support the expansion of global trade and investment, and remove all trade barriers that inhibit the creation of jobs, innovation, and sustainable economic growth.

Whereas all the people of the world share a responsibility to serve as custodians of our planet and protectors of biodiversity on land, in the oceans, and in the skies; and whereas the challenges of energy security, sustainability, and climate change cannot be met independently:

- All nations should work to develop a consensus that fosters the responsible stewardship of earth's natural resources.
- All nations should seek an international agreement that slows, stops, and reverses the growth of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere.
- All nations should strive to establish clear and transparent price signals that reflect the external environmental costs of greenhouse gas emissions.
- All governments and private-sector enterprises should incorporate sustainability and life-cycle energy costs into their strategic plans and publicly commit to minimizing their carbon footprint.

Whereas the global demand for energy is projected to increase with economic growth; whereas nations around the world are striving to enhance their energy security and manage their carbon emissions; whereas the shift to a low-carbon economy has the potential to drive the next generation of technological innovation and sustainable development; and whereas the private sector's talent, capital and innovation are essential to the development and wide-scale deployment of sustainable technologies:

- All governments should increase their understanding of the enabling conditions for sustainable economic development.
- All nations should seek to unleash the capacity of educators, researchers, and entrepreneurs to spur the deployment of sustainable solutions by removing regulatory barriers and providing incentives for innovation.
- All nations should commit to the protection of and respect for intellectual property rights, which are an enabler of private-sector investment and innovation.
- All nations should commit to providing their citizens with the education and training necessary to develop and deploy the next generation of sustainable energy solutions.



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