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Dear Secretary-General António Guterres,
Dear Heads of State and Heads of Government,
Dear Co-chairs,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the invitation to speak here today.

Sustainable energy has been an important priority for **Austria**, at all levels.

The target of **SDG Number 7** of **access** to affordable, reliable and modern energy services has been largely achieved by Austria.

The **share of renewable energy** in energy consumption has risen substantially and is well above EU average.

We want to generate **100% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2030**.

Already today we have reached about 80%.

We intend to **become an innovation leader in sustainable energy and environmental technology** and ensure that our **energy producing industry** can become more sustainable while staying competitive.

In this context, let me stress that Austria does not consider **nuclear energy as neither safe nor sustainable.**

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In our **international development cooperation**, we focus on climate and energy related needs of small island developing states, which will be among those most affected by climate change.

We also support all UN initiatives to promote the SDG Number 7.

A successful energy transition is key to addressing climate change.

To do that, we need our **citizens on board** for the success and the broad acceptance of both climate and energy policy.

Thank you for your attention!