



MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

Participation of the Republic of El Salvador in the High-Level Dialogue on Energy

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

El Salvador joins this first High-Level Dialogue on Energy, which confers a historic opportunity to provide transformative action in support of compliance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, mainly SDG 7 and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

I am pleased to share with you that the Government of El Salvador corroborates that energy enhances development, economic recovery and is a priority of us to join the energy transition.

For this reason, under the vision of President Nayib Bukele we have designed a 2020-2050 energy strategy. It will innovate production models and provide affordable, safe, efficient, autonomous and modern energy under a sustainable and carbon neutral focus; thus, complying with the SDGs. For instance, our energy matrix is composed of over 80% of renewable energies, which will grow with the implementation of more geothermal, non-conventional renewable energies and solid waste for the benefit of our population and all productive sectors.

Regarding technological innovation, we have devised a roadmap to commercialize green hydrogen generated with native geothermal energy. We also stimulate the energy demand through energy efficiency, smart cities and sustainable mobility that stimulate the economy to another stage of development.

The socio-economic realities revealed by COVID-19, the effects of extreme meteorological phenomena, climate change, energy deficit and local seismicity, have reflected the importance of obtaining access to financing and liquidity for middle-income countries, as well as the need for holistic coordination between national sectors and the international community to safeguard the integrity of the population.

Nevertheless, such challenges constitute an opportunity to create international mechanisms that allow growth in technological innovation, to modernize information systems, strengthen international cooperation, access financing and technical assistance, attract investment and strengthen international trade.

We are certain that our commitment to sustainability, the intensification of the use of renewable energies and the energy transition, will allow us to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the goal of Carbon Neutrality for 2050, for which we are all encouraged to continue working in a supportive and resilient way.

Thank you very much.