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Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I believe that the energy transition is a story of **hope** and of **opportunities**.

It offers **hope** as a way to achieve the SDG7 targets by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050.

It offers **opportunities** for economic growth, since renewables have become the most cost-effective solution.

This is where the jobs of the future are.

That's why we are moving away from traditional energy resources and are investing in renewables. Both here in the Netherlands and in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom.

But we need to accelerate the transition to ensure it reaches everyone, all around the world.

Right now, too many people remain trapped in energy poverty,...

... without access to modern energy of any kind.

They have no electricity and are dependent on polluting, traditional fuels for cooking.

As a **Global Champion on Energy Access**, the Netherlands calls for clean cooking solutions.

And for access to clean energy affordable for all.

Last week, we launched the **NL Energy Compact** to underscore our commitment to support the energy transition in low-income countries.

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It's a broad coalition of more than twenty-five Dutch organizations representing the business community, finance, civil society, academia and government.

In addition, we are contributing 100 million US Dollars to the **Climate Investment Funds**, intended for the Renewable Energy Integration program.

And we're opening the second call for proposals of the **SDG7 Results Facility**, which offers grants for creating access to renewable energy – based on the number of people reached.

So the Netherlands is doing its share.

But we also count on all of you to help accelerate the global energy transition.

And to make sure we leave no one behind.

Thank you.