

**ADDRESS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON
ENERGY ONLINE MEETING**

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Esteemed Heads of State and Government,

Distinguished Secretary-General,

Distinguished representatives of international and non-governmental organisations,

Esteemed Delegates, dear participants,

I greet you with respect on behalf of myself and my nation.

Global warming and climate change are the most significant challenges in human history.

Even the most remote corners of the world are now faced with natural disasters, health issues, and economic and social problems triggered by the climate crisis.

This crisis can only be managed with global cooperation.

Therefore, we must leave no one behind and ensure that a fair burden-sharing approach is in place.

It is evident that the energy sector will make the most significant contribution in this regard.

The recipe here is likewise simple: Traditional energy sources should be used less frequently, renewable and clean energy sources should be widely available, and energy efficiency should be improved.

The primary goal of this meeting is also to focus on Sustainable Development Goal 7, which summarizes the issues I've raised.

Within this scope, we, as Turkey, have achieved tremendous success in energy transition, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

We rank 5th in Europe and 12th in the world in terms of installed renewable energy capacity.

Renewable energy accounts for 53% of our installed electrical power.

It goes without saying that energy transition is a difficult process.

This process not only affects all institutions, markets, and consumers in the energy sector but it also has ramifications in a variety of fields at the global, national, and local levels.

As a result, universal and prototyped approaches to energy transition should be avoided.

Appropriate policies should be developed in light of the unique circumstances of each country.

In this context, Turkey also closely follows the issues of new and alternative energy resources, green hydrogen, clean combustion and carbon capture technologies, offshore wind and wave energy technologies, which are highlighted in the European Green Deal.

As a responsible member of the international community, our country will continue to do its part in combating the climate crisis and ensuring the transition to clean energy.

As I conclude my remarks, I would like to thank my dear friend Secretary-General Guterres and wish this meeting to be auspicious for all of humanity.